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Stay home order extended

Garden, boating bans lifted; other restrictions remain until May 15; masks mandatory in shops

By BETH LEBLANC and MELISSA NANN BURKE
The Detroit News

LANSING — Gov. Gretchen Whitmer extended her stay-at-home order Friday through May 15, while lifting certain restrictions on businesses and outdoor activities, effective "immediately."

Cases of COVID-19 began to plateau in Michigan over the last week, prompting Whitmer to allow some business operations in the state to reopen with added public-safety measures, as well as cordoned-off sections of big-box stores such as garden centers.

The governor is also allowing people to participate again in activities such as motorized boating and golf (without golf carts) as long as they observe "strict" social distancing protocols to remain six feet apart from one another.

"We will consider this the preliminary stage for economic re-engagement," Whitmer said at a news briefing Friday.

"If we continue to see our numbers decline, we can responsibly consider additional steps," the governor added.

"If we see an increase, we may have to be nimble enough to go backward on occasion. My hope though – my fervent hope – is that people still take this incredibly seriously."

The Detroit Regional Chamber said Whitmer's revisions begin the process of "responsibly restarting" Michigan's economy.

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What's new in governor's order

Businesses allowed to open

- Landscapers
- Lawn-service companies
- Nurseries
- Bike repair shops
- Retailers to that do not sell necessary supplies may reopen for curbside pick-up and for delivery
- Big box stores can reopen "closed areas," like garden centers.
- Golf courses (no carts allowed)

Activities allowed

- Motorized boating
- Travel between two residences (though it is discouraged)

New restrictions

- People required to wear face coverings when they enter enclosed public spaces
- Employers must provide face coverings for in-office employees

Joy, angst as residents react to new order

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

Shawn De La Foret, president of Nature's Way in Stevensville, said he's happy that Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's new stay-at-home executive order took effect immediately instead of waiting until the previous order expired on May 1.

"I wasn't expecting to be able to work until next Friday," he said. "This took me by total surprise."

In her new order, Whitmer extended the call for most people to stay at home until May 15 while also easing some restrictions, such as allowing landscapers to get back to work. The order's goal is to continue to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus so hospitals aren't overwhelmed with sick

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Longer, flatter curve projected for SW Michigan

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — It's encouraging news that the COVID-19 curve is flatting a little bit in Michigan, but local health officials believe Southwest Michigan will be living in a blunted curve for some months to come.

"I don't believe we're going to see the peak," said Dr. Loren Hamel, Spectrum Health Lakeland president, during a news conference Friday afternoon. "All the models we're doing, and the health department is doing, suggest this is going to go on for weeks and months here at a lower level."

That's why health officials say they are monitoring the trends very closely.

"We are having a different experience than Southeast Michigan," said Nicki Britten, health officer for the Berrien County Health Department (BCHD), during the news conference. "We're still seeing the number of confirmed cases increase slightly each week."

Hamel said a good way to gauge how the curve is flattening is the number of people sick enough to be in the hospital and the number of people on ventilators and in the intensive care unit.

"That's been a variable trend for us," he said. "We had 14 people two days ago in the ICU and we have nine people today. We haven't seen that dramatic increase in number of folks sick enough to be in the hospital."

Britten said that some of the data they've been monitoring is hard to interpret because as testing capabilities increase, so will the number of cases.

Testing update

Hamel said there is good news in that there are way more tests available in Berrien County than there used to be, but the bad news is there is still not nearly enough.

He said there are about 1,500 tests available a day and the health system is conducting about 100-150 tests a day right now.

"We can do some more and will do some more, but there's just not enough tests for everybody," Hamel said.

Hamel and Britten said the county can't afford to test everyone and have most of the tests be negative.

"It really doesn't make much sense to just test somebody who is curious," Hamel said. "Because it's very likely that test would be negative."

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Coloma Elementary School teacher Stacy Czuba is retiring after 32 years in education. Her retirement, like that of many other teachers who are winding up careers, has been severely impacted by the pandemic.

Retiring during a pandemic

Some educators stick with plans, others decide they need another year

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

COLOMA — Retiring from any profession is often bittersweet.

But retiring from being a public school teacher has been a little more difficult this year due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Some educators around Southwest Michigan are trying to make the most out of their last few months while teaching remotely, and some have decided they need another year.

One of those teachers who decided to rescind their retirement notice was Bruce Dings, who has spent 36 years as a physical education teacher, mostly at Coloma High School.

"I thought this was the time to get out," he said in a phone interview this week. "Then we were going to be done three months ahead of time and that's not really the way I wanted to finish the year. I felt like the job wasn't complete."

DINGS

Stacy Czuba, second-grade teacher at Coloma Elementary School, said she reconsidered her plan to retire, but just briefly.

"It's not the way I would like for it to be," she said. "I really hoped we would be back at school by now. I want to be with my kids. It's not the way anybody could ever imagine it being, but, I have peace with it and just know my chapter is done and coming to a close."

A love for the kids

Czuba, who has spent 32 years in education, said the highlight of her career has been the the kids she's taught.

She said she has worked with "some of the most amazing children on the planet."

"I see some of the kids now as grownups and they remember me," Czuba said. "They've given me so many great experiences through the years."

Another aspect of education she has enjoyed is that it's always changing.

"You can never do the same thing for too long," Czuba said.

Dings said that's what gets him up every day: the variety.

"I enjoy knowing it's not going to be the same old thing every day coming into work and the kids change from year to year," he said.

Czuba and Dings both graduated from Coloma and then ended up teaching there.

"I've been a Comet since I was in second grade," Czuba said.

When Dings was exploring careers in late high school and college, he said he naturally fell into education.

"I played sports in high school, went to college, and found I really liked coaching," he said.

He taught at Buchanan for four years before coming to Coloma once a gym was built. He coached football along with track and field for many years, in addition to teaching physical education.

Julie Bender, visual arts teacher at F.C. Reed Middle School in Bridgman, has also explored a variety of topics during her 38 years of teaching.

She has taught kindergarten gym, eighth-grade social studies, and some math, all while also teaching art the whole time.

"It's been a real privilege to work with middle school," Bender said. "I know a lot of people say that's a crazy age, but the kids that are age fifth- to eighth-grade are very vulnerable because they're going through so many changes physically and emotionally. It's really a privilege to be able to walk with them through some really trying and scary times."

BENDER

She said she's benefitted in her own life watching the strength of the human spirit through her students.

Bender also has loved getting to teach the kids of some of her former students, as well as see some of her students continue on in art later in life.

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He said Spectrum Health Lakeland is already getting about 80 percent of tests it does coming back negative.

Britten said someone needs to be infected for four to five days before they can get an accurate test result.

"You could spread it around later even if you did have a test that came back negative," she said.

They said that early testing is happening for vulnerable populations, like folks in nursing homes, along with first responders and health care providers who could infect others, but that they can't test everyone yet.

Hamel said the county is still weeks away from having good, reliable and widespread antibody testing.

Lowell Hamel doing better

Hamel reported that his brother, Dr. Lowell Hamel, the hospital system's chief operating officer, has been taken off a ventilator and is doing much better.

"The ICU called me about a half hour ago and it was Lowell on the other end," Hamel said. "He's still groggy and a long way from completely recovered, but alert. He was so grateful for everyone's thoughts and prayers. It is possible to get people off a ventilator."

Hamel reported that the convalescent plasma transfusions, which Lowell Hamel and a handful of other patients locally have already been given already, can be a life-saving procedure.

"We've had many folks call in to ask how they can donate, which I thank them so much for," he said.

Friday case update

The number of positive cases of COVID-19 in Berrien County rose to more than 200 on Friday.

The BCHD reports there are now 208 cases, up from 189 reported Thursday.

Out of the 208 cases, 123 have recovered and 11 have died.

Britten and Hamel said that the deaths are counted as being from COVID-19 only if they tested positive and the symptoms of the disease killed them.

"We've heard the concern: Is there someone who was maybe positive, but it was something else that killed them and you're counting that as a COVID death?" Britten said. "The short answer is no. It's when COVID-19 was the thing that precipitated the events leading to the death."

The county also has 176 presumed positive cases, up from 171 reported Thursday.

The Benton Harbor and Berrien Springs ZIP codes continue to have the most cases.

In Van Buren County the total did not change from Thursday and sits at 35 confirmed positive cases.

In Cass County on Friday, two more people tested positive, bringing the county's total to 25 cases.

There are now three recovered people in Cass County and eight recovered people in Van Buren County. Both counties remain at two deaths apiece.

The state and county health departments update the number of positive COVID-19 cases at about 3 p.m. each day. For state numbers, visit www.michigan.gov/coronavirus.

Local numbers and information can be found at www.bchdmi.org, and at www.vbcassdhd.org/covid-19.

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"COVID-19 has created a dual-threat to Michigan – a public health crisis coupled with an economic crisis – and the original 'Stay Home, Stay Safe' order has initially flattened the curve and positions Michigan to reactivate its economy," the chamber's CEO Sandy K. Baruah said in a statement.

"This is good news for some of the hundreds of thousands of Michiganders struggling economically."

Whitmer stressed her overall message is still the same – that people should remain home as much as possible and avoid "unnecessary" trips outside the house.

A new requirement under the order is for people to cover their nose and mouth with homemade or non-medical grade face coverings when they enter enclosed public spaces, starting Monday. This was previously a recommendation by the state.

"We need to save those medical-grade masks for our first responders, people on the front line," Whitmer said, noting it includes surgical masks and N95 respirator masks.

Michiganders won't have to wear face coverings when they're walking in their neighborhood, for instance, but will have to when going to the grocery store or pharmacy, officials said.

Employers are also required to provide "at least" cloth face coverings to their employees reporting to work.

The order allows individuals to travel between two residences in the state, including to a new home, though Whitmer strongly discouraged such travel during the pandemic. A ban on travel to vacation rentals remains in place.

The revised order allows some workers who perform "lower-risk" activities to return to the job.

Businesses permitted to resume operations must implement enhanced social-distancing protocols by barring gatherings in which people can't maintain 6 feet of distance, limiting in-person interactions with clients or patrons, and providing protective gear such as gloves and masks.

LOTTERIES

Friday drawings

Michigan

Poker Lotto
JD-3C-4C-6D-3H
Midday Daily 3
6-6-2
Midday Daily 4
4-2-1-5
Daily 3
1-1-2
Daily 4
4-7-7-3
Fantasy 5
03-14-24-33-36
Keno
04-05-06-07-19-20-22-26-27-32-33-34-39-41-43-63-64-65-66-67-69-71
Mega Millions jackpot
$174 million
Powerball jackpot
$37 million

Thursday drawings

Indiana

Cash 5
06-17-27-36-38
Cash4Life
15-22-32-35-56, Cash Ball: 3
Quick Draw Midday
04-11-20-33-35-37-38-40-47-49-54-56-58-59-63-65-66-73-74-75, BE: 66
Daily Three-Midday
9-1-0, SB: 3
Daily Three-Evening
5-0-0, SB: 1
Daily Four-Midday
7-4-6-9, SB: 3
Daily Four-Evening
0-0-5-9, SB: 1
Quick Draw Evening
04-06-10-13-20-24-25-26-28-29-30-33-35-37-40-46-62-65-68-73, BE: 65

Illinois

Lotto
11-20-33-45-51-52, Extra Shot: 1
Estimated jackpot
$9.5 million
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
01-07-14-29-37
Estimated jackpot
$150,000
Pick Three-Midday
4-3-8, Fireball: 2
Pick Three-Evening
3-7-9, Fireball: 5
Pick Four-Midday
6-0-8-5, Fireball: 9
Pick Four-Evening
3-5-0-8, Fireball: 4
Lucky Day Lotto
18-24-26-28-45

– The Associated Press

REACTION

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patients.

De La Foret said he spent most of Friday calling his workers, putting together crews to start working Monday and giving them directions on how to work without spreading the virus.

He said having this extra week to work is critical in the landscaping business.

"Everybody thinks that we can take a few weeks off and pick right back up, but you can't," he said. "The temperature and the sunlight that happens during March, April and May only happens during those months. There's a lot of things that needed to happen in April that we weren't able to do."

He said that many trees and plants can only be dug up and transplanted while they are dormant before they leaf out. He said they lose about half of the trees if they are transplanted after they have leaves.

"And there are a lot of jobs where we have to go to the site to dig up trees, and now that work can't be done," he said. "The transplanting and division of perennials and grasses all happens during the month of April. We're unlikely to be able to do them now."

Mosaic Property Services in Benton Harbor is also gearing up to start taking care of customers early next week, said CEO Andrew Robinson of Mosaic Christian Community Development Association.

He said there is a lot to do since they couldn't work most of April, when his workers clean up the properties.

"(The shut down) is understandable, though," he said. "For me, we've always taken pride in promoting people over profits."

Don Campbell / HP staff

Signs have been installed along trails and parks in St. Joseph encouraging the public to follow PPE mask and social distancing guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic. Gov. Whitmer has extended the stay-at-home order through May 15 and will now require people to wear face coverings when they enter enclosed public spaces.

In fact, he said he closed all of Mosaic's operations a week before Whitmer announced her first stay-at-home order in March.

Taking pandemic seriously

Mike Villwock, owner of Villwock's Outside Living in Berrien Springs, said he's emphasizing to his employees that they need to show the customers that they are taking this pandemic seriously and are taking precautions to not spread the virus.

"We just want to make sure that people know that ... we're not just opening the flood gates. We're going to come back in a controlled, safe way," he said. "We're going to provide our people with the necessary personal protective equipment to stay safe. This isn't over. This isn't going back to normal. This is showing people that we're professionals. None of us want people to get sick."

De La Foret said that while he's happy Whitmer is allowing landscapers to work, her order doesn't go far enough.

"I think there are many sectors in the business world that can be opened safely," he said. "I'm hearing home construction is still not allowed, and that should be opened up immediately."

Flexibility requested

Berrien County Commission Chairman Mac Elliott said Whitmer's new order is a good start, but more needs to be done.

"We still need more flexibility on the regional and county levels," he said. "We are literally going to lose businesses if we can't take some reasonable, prudent steps to help them get back in business."

He said the one-size-fits-all approach only fits the southeast side of the state, where the population is denser and where most of the COVID-19 cases are.

Elliott said the Michigan State Police have the state divided into seven regions.

"None of them are the same as the southeast part of the state," he said. "... Each one of those regions should be given some local discretion, local authority, to tailor the safe and sane return to something a lot closer to normal. She just needs to release the grip because it's turning into a death grip for our economies."

He said it's not a case of people versus profit. It's a case of common sense.

"We're not going to do anything stupid," he said. "We're not going to do anything unsafe. We're pretty good here in terms of emergency management. We have a good health department, too. We're not children and we shouldn't be treated like children. There are ways to do this without forcing business to grind to a halt and stay there."

Berrien County commissioners on Thursday approved sending a letter to Whitmer encouraging her to allow regional flexibility as the state fights the spread of the virus.

United approach needed

Benton Harbor Mayor Marcus Muhammad said Whitmer's actions have flattened the curve and saved lives. He said her executive orders need to pertain to the entire state.

"She's not a state senator and she's not a state representative," he said. "She's the governor of 10 million people. She can't section off and do one thing over here and another thing over there."

Muhammad said she's doing her part to gradually open the economy.

"To just 'open sesame' would be reckless and irresponsible," he said.

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RETIRING

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"I have always felt passionate that art is a vehicle for learning. It's accessible to everyone and that many people learn best through art," Bender said.

An abrupt ending

Lori VonKoenig, Lakeshore's band director for the last 32 years, said she was heartbroken when she heard school would be out for the rest of the school year.

VONKOENIG

"I was especially worried about my seniors, and all my kids," she said. "We had planned big concerts to honor the seniors and all these end of career things, including a party planned in May, but we're just going to push it off and do it another time."

VonKoenig announced her retirement in December and said she didn't rethink it at all when the remainder of the school year canceled.

"After 34 years in education, I'm good," she said. "The staff has already been hired to take over for me, so this was planned out years in advance."

However, she added, the timing was very unfortunate.

Czuba said she has always heard other teachers say that you know when it's your time to retire.

"And I've found that it's true," she said.

Bender said she didn't think about coming back next year.

"I feel like by fall, it probably isn't going to be all straightened around and I don't know if I have the energy for one more," she said. "I think I'm ready to move on."

Teaching during a pandemic

Assignments for band students while at home are aimed to keep them practicing their instruments as much as possible.

"We've done a lot of listening assignments, some play tests, scales and practicing of pieces they were working prior to school being out," VonKoenig said.

Dings said teaching gym remotely isn't that different from doing it in person.

"I still get them busy and away from a computer for a little while," he said.

He posts workouts and activities online for them to try in their house when the weather is bad, and outside when the weather is nice.

"For example, there is a little circuit thing I have them do where they flip a coin and then go to the cupboard, take out cans and do arm curls, or they do some planks or burpees," he said. "I encourage them to go for bike rides or help clean up around the house, too."

Czuba said teaching from home has involved a learning curve for her because of all the technology. However, she said she likes a challenge.

"I'm doing everything I can from a distance. It's still not anything like teaching in-person," she said. "I miss the hugs, the interactions. I miss being with them."

For middle school art class, Bender has had her students create things and then send her photos.

She said her big final project with the students was going to be a ceramics lab.

"I had 500 pounds of clay. So it's been a major adjustment, because that's obviously not what we ended up doing," Bender said.

She said interestingly enough, one of the lessons she assigned to her students this week was about career planning.

"As I was writing the lesson, I was thinking about how all plans are tenuous at this point," Bender said.

The final goodbyes

One of Bender's last hurrahs as an educator will be to help organize her first ever virtual art show later this spring.

"Which is kind of unique," she said. "I've had to learn a whole lot more than I thought I would in the last two months of teaching, but with the friends that I have supporting me, and helping me, I'm getting through."

Bender said in retirement she plans to spend time with her family and volunteer around the community.

"I'm really grateful to the parents, teachers and administrators that I've worked with over the years," she said. "I have such an immense amount of respect and gratitude for the people I've worked with. I'm really glad that I've had this job."

VonKoenig said she has been busy trying to do all the normal "senior" things for her graduating students.

"We do Zoom meetings to keep in touch, and we're even coordinating end-of-year awards, special recognitions and senior band blankets remotely," she said. "We still want to honor them."

Auditions for next year are also taking place virtually.

"The kids that are returning, and the new eighth-graders, are filling out their leadership applications, and auditions for color guard, percussion and drum major are all happening online," VonKoenig said.

She said Lakeshore has been the best place to work.

"The support of the school, parents and the community has just been extraordinary," VonKoenig said. "I have thoroughly enjoyed my time there. I am looking forward to this next chapter."

Dings said his plans for his bonus year is to just enjoy working with the kids.

"I just wanted to hang out with them for one more year," he said.

Czuba said she's had a wonderful career, especially being able to raise her kids around the school year calendar.

"It has been such a rewarding career – very difficult and certainly not for everyone," she said. "It takes talent and skill, and the patience of a saint, but it's been very rewarding. I'm proud to look back at those 30 years, know that I did it well and that I was as a teacher."

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Fox Sports	Bowling	Red Wings Classics Game 3. (N)					Wingspan
Freefrm	Catching Fire	:05 ★★★ The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 ('14) Jennifer Lawrence. (P). CC					Hunger Games
FX	Maze Runner	★★★ The Martian ('15, Science Fiction) Matt Damon, Jessica Chastain. A stranded astronaut tries to survive on Mars. CC					
Golf	:00 LPGA Tour Golf CC					PGA Tour Golf CC	
Hallmark	:00 ★ Royal Matchmaker ('18) Bethany Joy Lenz. CC			Matchmaker Mysteries "A Fatal Romance" A romance writer is murdered. (N) CC			
HBO	Hobbs & Shaw	★ Bad Education ('19) Allison Janney. An embezzlement scandal rocks a school.				9:50 We're Here CC	
History	UnXplain.	Drilling Down		The UnXplained		The UnXplained (N)	
HGTV	Love-List	Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Nate and Jeremiah	
Learning	Say Yes	Say Yes: ATL		Gypsy Wedding		Gypsy Wedding	
Lifetime	Baby Monitor	★ Dying for Motherhood ('20, Suspense) Emmanuelle Vaugier. (P). CC				:03 ★ Kept Woman ('15) CC	
MSNBC	MSNBC	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Friday	★★ Next Friday ('00) Ice Cube. CC				★ Friday After Next	
NBCSCH	Bulls	White Sox Rewind From July 6, 2005.					NFL Draft
NFL	Football	A Football Life		A Football Life		A Football Life	
Nick	Danger	Danger	All That	Dylan	Sponge.	Friends	Friends
NGEO	Drugs,	Drugs, Inc. "Zombie Island" CC				:03 Drugs, Inc. CC	
Oxygen	Deadly Cults	Snapped "Sandra Barajas" CC		Cold Justice "A Family's Nightmare"		Mark of a Killer "Deadly Design"	
Parmt	★★★ Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom					Indiana Jones	
Showtime	:00 Billions	Billions Axe receives unexpected news.		★★★ Hustlers ('19) Constance Wu, Jennifer Lopez, Julia Stiles. (P). CC			
Starz	:35 Vida CC	:11 Vida CC	:45 Vida "Episode 10" CC		:20 Vida CC	9:53 Vida CC	:27 Vida CC
STZENC	:27 ★★★ Identity ('03) John Cusack, Ray Liotta. CC			★★★ Hellboy ('04, Fantasy) Ron Perlman, John Hurt, Selma Blair. CC			
SyFy	6:35 ★ R.I.P.D. ('13) Jeff Bridges.		:35 ★★★ The Goonies ('85) Sean Astin. Young misfits find a 17th-century pirate's treasure map. CC				
TBS	Transformers	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory
TCM	Face in Crowd	★★★ Nickelodeon ('76, Comedy-Drama) Ryan O'Neal, Burt Reynolds. CC				:15 ★★★ Saint Jack ('79)	
TMC	6:45 ★★ Real Steel ('11, Action) Hugh Jackman. CC			★ Redcon-1 ('18, Horror) Oris Erhuero, Carlos Gallardo, Mark Strange. CC			
TNT	Wonder	★★ Justice League ('17, Action) Ben Affleck.					Suicide
Travel	911	Paranormal 911		Paranormal 911 (N)		Par. Nightmare	
TV Land	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men
USA	:00 Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D. "The Forgotten"		Chicago P.D. "Pain Killer" CC (DVS)		Chicago P.D. "This City" CC (DVS)	
VH1	★ Obsessed ('09, Suspense) Idris Elba. CC					VH1 Special CC	
WGN-A	:00 Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods "Not Fade Away"		Blue Bloods "Hard Bargain"		Blue Bloods "A Deep Blue Goodbye"	

Moving near family forces a choice between two sons

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have a dilemma we don't know how to handle. We both recently retired. Our sons (both married with children) live in other states. Since my wife and I no longer have family here, we are going to move close to one of our sons. Our dilemma: They both want us to move near them, but they are 2,000 miles apart.

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

Both of the states they live in are similar in terms of taxes, home prices, cost of living, etc. We have decided where we would like to go and found a home to purchase. How do we tell our other son why we moved where we did? He's going to be very hurt and feel that we favor his brother, which couldn't be further from the truth. Both are financially stable (as are my wife and I), so that is not an issue.

I'm sure many people would feel blessed to have two sons who both want their parents close by. How do we tell one we picked the other? – Nearby In California

DEAR NEARBY: Do not tell either brother that you picked the one you did. You chose a LOCATION.

Why did you arrive at the decision you did? Make a list of the reasons you made your choice and recite them when you are asked. You are all adults. Your reasons are valid ones, and this should not be couched in terms of one son being loved better than the other, which is childish.

DEAR ABBY: Seven years ago, I found out my husband hadn't paid our mortgage and credit card bills for more than two years, and our home of 23 years was in preforeclosure. Once the secret was out, we managed to save the house (thankfully).

Problem is, I no longer trust my husband and often doubt what he says. My priority was to save our home, but now I am no longer sure I want to stay with him. Our 40th anniversary is this year, but I feel bitter and resentful about his irresponsible decisions. I want to leave, but I'm scared I am making the wrong decision. Help, please. – Mixed Up In Massachusetts

DEAR MIXED UP: Because I have no idea why your husband behaved so irresponsibly, you need to hash this out with a licensed marriage and family therapist. You should also consult an attorney. IF you decide to stay, it is imperative that you be in a position to closely monitor any financial actions and obligations in your household.

DEAR ABBY: I like to jump on our neighbors' trampoline when they're out of town. I have been doing it for decades. Normally it's no big deal, but last weekend they returned home earlier than usual and caught me in the act. Now my wife is ashamed to show her face around the neighborhood, and she's blaming me for the whole thing.

Abby, I have a simple solution to this mess. If the neighbors don't want me jumping on their trampoline, they should cough up the money for a privacy fence. Don't you agree? – Bouncing Into Trouble

DEAR BOUNCING: If you are so jumpy and can't keep your feet on the ground, it may be time to buy your own trampoline, which would save your wife a world of embarrassment.

Your comment about the neighbors building a fence may have been offered in jest, but it is sensible. If someone's child were to play on that trampoline in their absence and be injured, your neighbor could wind up paying a lot more than the cost of a fence.

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No bedtime at the sleepover?

Adapted froman online discussion.

DEAR CAROLYN: Not so much a question as a rant: Why do parents hosting sleepovers refuse to enforce any type of bedtime? My fourth-grader was invited to a sleepover, but I refused to let him go because at the last one, according to the host, the kids stayed up until 2 or 3. What's up with that? I know everyone has different rules, but still. I guess I should be thankful they don't let kids play with knives (I think). – Ranting

Carolyn Hax

RANTING: Some treat sleepovers as a chance for kids to push limits in a contained, low-risk setting, which has its advantages. As long as the kids' safety is paramount and the parents are transparent about what they permit, I think it's OK for different families to have different hosting styles (when the covid-19 crisis passes, of course).

Readers' reminiscences: – At my best friend's house, we would stay up sometimes until 4 a.m. Those are still some of my fondest memories of my childhood. Lighten up and relinquish the bedtime control every now and then! – Some of my fondest childhood memories involve sleepovers with late nights of Star Wars watching or Nintendo 64 playing, accompanied by mounds of M&Ms or gummy bears. And I am now a functional adult. It's a special occasion, let the kids enjoy themselves. – I'm of two minds. I also have great memories of staying up way too late with friends when I was a kid. I'm guardian to my granddaughter who is a MONSTER if she is sleep-deprived. I agree to sleepovers only if the following day is free and clear and she promises to take at least one very long nap. – I think it is worth something for kids to realize that staying up all night, while it sounds fun, sucks the next day. My daughter still talks about the time she and her BFF stayed up watching YouTube until the wee hours and "we won't do that again." – From bedtime to knives. That escalated quickly.

Kids these days.

DEAR CAROLYN: Thank you for saying this: "What matters is how you feel about [a gift], of course, and that's why gift questions matter. They're a piece of a larger sense of feeling loved and understood." That also applies when someone says they do not want to make a big deal about birthdays. If someone you care about wants a birthday (or whatever) bash or loves breakfast in bed, or needs a mushy card, then you honor that. If, on the other hand, someone really doesn't groove on any of that, and says so, believe them. Please. Otherwise, you are just imposing what you think they should want, not conveying that you love them as they are. Said another way, you are being selfish. – Thank You

THANK YOU: It could be selfish, but that seems too conscious to me – maybe self-centered or self-absorbed? As in, a person is aware of their own preferences, but hasn't progressed emotionally to the point of understanding others might think or feel differently. "Immaturity" works, too. Some people who make big birthday fusses that their honorees don't want can truly believe they're doing something generous.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Down Under rockers
5 Oaxaca article
8 — au lait
12 Oliver Twist's request
13 New pet, maybe
14 Refrigerator stick
15 Lumber along
16 Headstrong
18 Gem
20 Quid — quo
21 Naval off.
22 Circular room
25 Do some tape editing
28 Baseball clubs
29 Sarcastic remark
33 Made amends
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59 Reproach oneself for
60 Marshal Wyatt —
61 Help a thief
62 Baja "Mrs."
63 Dads, to granddads

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5 DJ's platters
6 Production
7 Rebuffs
8 Stocky horse
9 Soothing herb
10 Plant with fronds
11 Zillions of years
17 Physique
19 Ear part
23 Just a little
24 In a dither
25 Dotty
26 Salt Lake state
27 Early TV clown
30 Time to beware
31 Peevishness
32 New Age singer
34 Fiddling despot
37 Coast Guard alert
38 Astonishes
40 Javelins
41 Agree
44 "Mystery!" channel
45 Fakes out, on the rink
46 Pods for stews
47 TV control
48 Business encl.
51 Hi or bye
52 Gull relative
54 Greet a dog
55 Big green parrot
57 Corp. execs

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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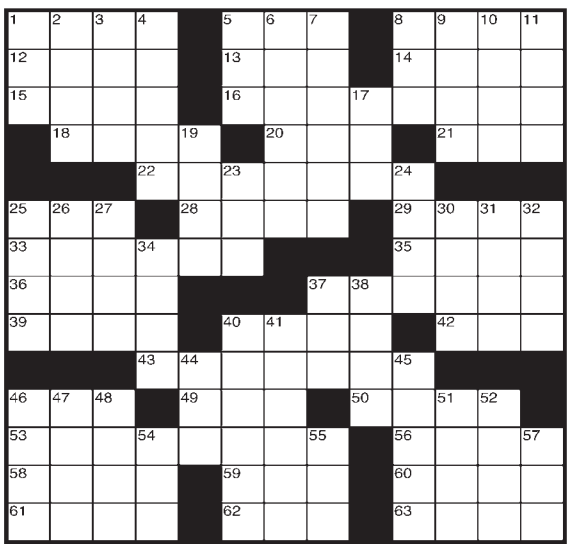

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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LUCTO

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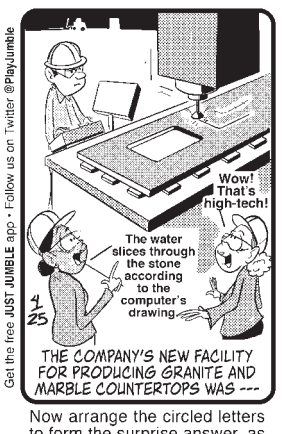
Wow! That's high-tech!
The water slices through the stone according to the computer's drawing.
THE COMPANY'S NEW FACILITY FOR PRODUCING GRANITE AND MARBLE COUNTERTOPS WAS ---
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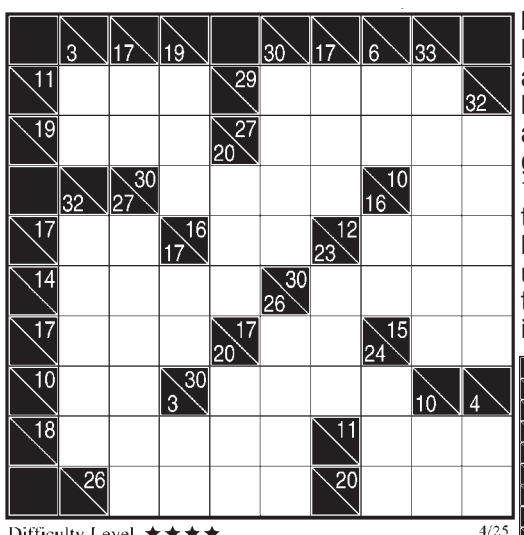
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

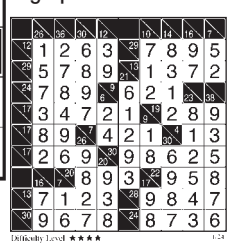
Yesterday's Jumbles: HUTCH HOIST GLADLY FIBBER
Answer: She opened the book about trees so she could — LEAF THROUGH IT

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★★ 4/25

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

The Senior Life Master instantly recognized any newcomer.

"Young man, welcome to our humble bridge club. Have you just moved to town?"

"Actually, I'm here for two days on business. But I'd like to play some bridge this evening."

"It is our pleasure to have you, but the game doesn't begin for an hour. Buy us a couple of drinks, then sit here and tell me a bit about yourself."

When the young man returned with the drinks, he opened his mouth to say something, but the SLM beat him to the word:

We have a friendly club (began the SLM). We have even had several marriages between members. And we might have had another one but for this deal. (The SLM passed the man a sheet of paper.)

South was Augustus Masterson, playing with his fiancee, Eleanor Weeburn-Smythe. We were surprised when they became engaged because she was a much stronger player than he. Perhaps she had been distracted by his muscular physique.

West cashed two top spades, East echoing to show a doubleton. Then West shifted to the club 10. Augustus won in hand and ran the heart queen. But disaster struck when East took the trick and gave his partner a club ruff to defeat the game.

Eleanor looked at her handsome partner, but then the scales fell from her eyes. "What weren't you thinking?" she cried.

North 04-25-20
♠ 9 8 6 4
♥ A J 7 6
♦ K Q
♣ A 4 2

West
♠ A K Q J 5
♥ 5 4
♦ 9 8 6 4 3
♣ 10

East
♠ 7 3
♥ K 2
♦ 10 7 5
♣ 9 8 7 6 5 3

South
♠ 10 2
♥ Q 10 9 8 3
♦ A J 2
♣ K Q J

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	1♠	2♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ K

"West passed as dealer and then showed up with the four top spades. How can he have the heart king? Just play the ace and another heart."

"I'm sorry, darling."

"Don't 'darling' me. Our engagement is at an end."

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

8	7	1	5	6	4	2	9	3
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Pandemic will change us in countless ways

Jonah Goldberg

'Where were you when … ?"

We've all asked this sort of question. Where were you when the planes hit the Twin Towers? Where were you when you heard JFK was shot? Where were you when you heard Kobe Bryant died?

The unstated thing about such questions is the assumption that you were a spectator of one kind or another when something momentous happened. And for most Americans, that's how we experience historic events – as spectators.

The 9/11 attacks were a huge event for most of us who were alive then. But how many lives did 9/11 directly and meaningfully affect, particularly outside New York and Washington? Not many in the grand scheme of things. (Hassles at airports don't count.)

The same goes for wars. Less than 1 percent of Americans are in the military, and less than 10 percent of the adult population has ever served. Even among those who wear a uniform, only a fraction see sustained combat.

Most historic events of the last half-century, even if significant and tragic, are remembered largely as moments on television.

Despite the tendency of politicians to say, "If we can put a man on the moon … ," the number of people among that "we" is only in the thousands. The rest of America experienced it vicariously on TV.

This isn't to minimize the importance of those events or the emotional effect they had on society. The Cuban missile crisis directly involved a small number of players, but millions or even billions of people felt they had skin in the game.

There's a huge psychological difference between watching and participating, and I don't think anyone is appreciating the difference. For decades after the Great Depression and World War II, the question wasn't "Where were you … ?" It was "What did you do?" or "What happened to you?" During World War I, not everybody served, but nearly everybody knew someone who did and felt the effects of war mobilization – the censorship, the hysteria, the rationing of food, etc.

The consequences of those shared experiences were profound, changing our politics and culture in countless ways.

This pandemic is the first event in my life that approaches anything like that. And it's going to get much more intense before it's all over. A recent NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll found that 59 percent of Americans don't know anyone who has contracted COVID-19. A week prior, the same pollsters reported that 70 percent of Americans didn't know anyone who'd been infected. If even the rosiest predictions are accurate, it won't be long until every American knows someone who contracted the virus, and perhaps someone who died from it.

How much of the political squabbling right now is attributable to the fact that many of the people protesting in relatively unscathed regions are still watching this pandemic unfold as an event on TV and not as a menace in their own lives? It's understandable that if you don't know anyone suffering from COVID-19 or helping those suffering from it, you might feel that stay-at-home orders are an overreaction.

But that's probably not going to last, particularly if the experts are right that we'll see a major resurgence in the fall.

Whether the lockdowns are warranted in every corner of the country is a different conversation. I think there are good arguments (and bad ones!) on both sides of those debates. But if everybody eventually knows somebody who has died, or nearly died, in this pandemic, the conversations to come are going to be very different.

Already, the economic calamity the pandemic has caused is guaranteed to blow up a lot of the comfortable assumptions that have defined the contours of our politics for the last two decades.

Consider immigration, which has roiled our politics for so long. Whatever your position is on the issue, the old equation has new variables. In a country with millions out of work, dismissing some work as "jobs Americans won't do" may well sound offensive (and untrue) in ways it didn't before. As agonizingly slow as the process already feels, it's a sure bet that America and the developed world will emerge from the pandemic far sooner than poorer nations. Inviting immigrants from places where the virus is still thriving – regardless of whether you think it's right or wrong – will simply have a very different political resonance than it did two months ago.

That's just one obvious example. There are far more unknown unknowns waiting for us in the years ahead, because we're about to enter an era when every single American can start a conversation by asking "What did you do?" or "What happened to you when … ?"

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I will not die of stupid

Leonard Pitts

Someday, I'm going to die. This, I grudgingly accept. I have no idea how it's going to happen. Maybe I will die of having a tree fall on me, of eating tainted shellfish or of being struck by lightning. But this much I guarantee. I will not die of having wagered my life that TV carnival barkers, political halfwits and goobers in MAGA hats know more than experts with R.N.s, M.D.s, and Ph.D.s after their names.

In other words, I will not die of stupid.

Not that there aren't plenty of opportunities to do so. Indeed, in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and the question of when and how the nation's economy should be reopened, we seem to have tapped the U.S. Strategic Stupid Reserve. The result has been a truly awe-inspiring display of America's matchless capacity for mental mediocrity.

Surveys show, for instance, that a solid majority of Americans (63 percent according to a CBS News poll) are more worried about reopening the country too fast and worsening the pandemic than opening it too slowly and worsening the economy. Yet a noisy minority of protesters is furious at government for trying to keep them healthy. They demand their right to life, liberty and the pursuit of acute respiratory distress.

Meantime, there's Dr. Phil, opining on Fox "News" that "45,000 people a year die from automobile accidents, 480,000 from cigarettes, 360,000 a year from swimming pools, but we don't shut the country down for that." Turns out he's off a smidge on the number of drownings, which is actually fewer than 4,000. And who knew swimming pools, car accidents and cigarettes were contagious?

Then you have governors like Brian Kemp of Georgia and Ron DeSantis of Florida rushing to reopen their states in defiance of medical advice. "COVID-19 is not here, bro," one surfer assured a Jacksonville TV news crew. Doesn't that take a load off your mind?

And let's not forget Las Vegas, where Mayor Carolyn Goodman went on CNN to demand the reopening of casinos, suggesting her town could be a "control group" to find out if social distancing works – the gambling capital playing craps with the lives of its own people. Not that Goodman would wager her own life. Asked by Anderson Cooper if she would visit the reopened casinos, she demurred, saying she has to get home to her family.

But here's the thing. There's been a lot of talk over who has the power to reopen America's economy. Well, it doesn't belong to the president, nor to the governors. It doesn't even belong to business owners. No, ultimately, it belongs to me. And to you. It belongs to us, as consumers.

After all, the president and the governors can issue all the orders they want, the owners can remove all the padlocks, but none of it matters if customers are too afraid to walk back through the doors. And I am. I have no idea how many consumers I represent, but I suspect it's more than a few.

I get that businesses are suffering. But I refuse to eat in a crowded restaurant, sit in a packed movie house or fly on a full flight again until I feel I can do so safely.

And I am emphatically not assured by TV carnival barkers, political halfwits and goobers in MAGA hats.

No, I need to hear from serious, credible people. I need to know sufficient testing has been conducted and that they feel the virus is no longer a threat. If other people want to die of stupid, I can't stop them. But if America wants its economy back – this part of its economy, at least – it better do whatever is necessary to persuade Dr. Anthony Fauci it's time to give the all-clear.

Look for me two weeks after that.

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LETTERS

Trump isn't the leader we need now

Editor,

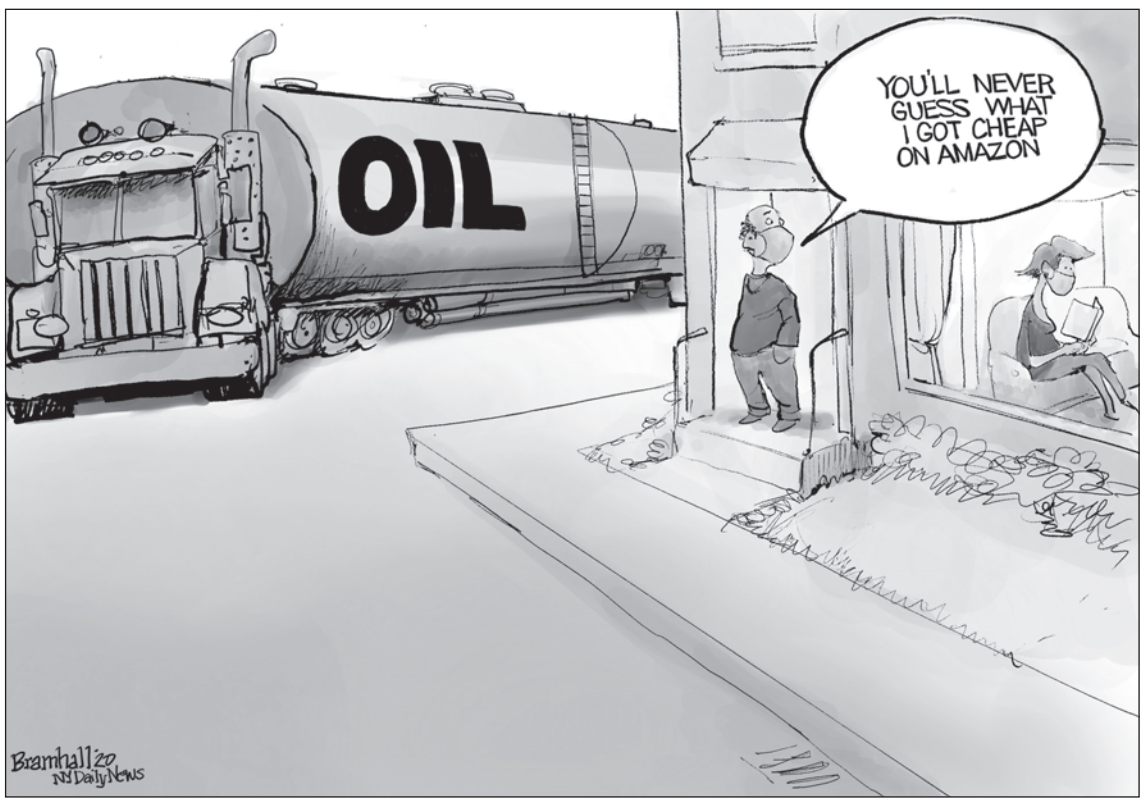
Our nation has been fortunate to have had great leaders like George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Franklin D. Roosevelt in times of our greatest crises. Tragically though, our luck seems to have run out. Now, in what may be the most perilous crisis in our history, we have Donald J. Trump, who is ignorant, insecure, immoral, incompetent and possibly insane. Even before the the COVID-19 pandemic took hold, it was clear to a majority of Americans that Trump is absolutely the worst president we have ever had.

But this is not the first time this country has experienced a catastrophe like this. In 1917 the U.S. officially entered the combat in World War I. Two million American troops fought in Europe, and fifty thousand were killed. President Woodrow Wilson made the horrific blunder of sending them over in crowded boats, just as the Spanish Influenza was breaking out, and throughout the War adhered to a strict policy of secrecy about the worldwide spread of the disease.

Then Wilson had a major stroke, the severity of which was also kept from the public as much as possible. For almost two years, Wilson's wife, Edith, also secretly, effectively ran the country. Wilson's biographer describes the effects of the stroke on his mental incapacity as "disorders of emotion, impaired impulse control, defective judgment, and paranoia." He was also described as "unable to articulate a broader vision of a better world," and "worried about being spied upon." Sound familiar? Of course, Wilson was nowhere near as bad or dangerous a president as Trump; for one thing, he wasn't a criminal. But his decisions had profound consequences, and led to the deaths of countless Americans as well as other people all over the world. They also contributed to the rise of Hitler and the start of World War II.

As deluded as Trump is. it is fairly evident from watching his daily Reality TV shows, that it's beginning to dawn on him just how badly he has screwed up in virtually every area, let alone the pandemic. His frenzied rantings and constant repetition of lies and evasions remind me of nothing more than a cornered rat. And yet, the Republican establishment and Trump's cognitively challenged base still seem oblivious to the mortal danger and devastation that is now taking place in front of their own eyes. How much more will it take?

The inescapable reality of Trump's gross unfitness for office has long since eclipsed politics.



It has literally become a matter of life and death! Forcing voters in Wisconsin to choose between risking their lives and their right to vote shows just how desperate, ruthless and insensible Republicans can be. I don't know what motivates most of them, but some say it all comes down to power and money. But what good does it do you if you're not alive to spend it?

Scott Elliott
Benton Harbor

Postal workers help keep us in touch

Editor,

This letter is in praise to the United States Postal Service.

To see the postman stop by my home is a thrill nowadays. Getting mail and sending mail is a treasure. It's like having friendly company each day.

I am one of the last remaining letter writers on the planet. I love to express myself that way.

When I go to the drug store, I can spend a half hour admiring the greeting cards before I make my choice.

I received my ordered "Forever" stamps today thanks to the Benton Harbor Postal Service and I know I'll use the stamps immediately and with great pleasure.

Hooray for all postal workers!

Norma Smith
St. Joseph

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ANOTHER OPINION

Mask confusion: Health officials give conflicting messages

If you're confused by the conflicting messages the public has received on the necessity – or uselessness – of wearing a mask in public, you're not alone. Of the many sound guidelines and safety suggestions delivered over the past month to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic, this is one area where health officials have been far too slow to react, and alarmingly indecisive.

At first we were told not to buy masks because it would diminish the supply for the medical professionals who need them most. That was the Twitter message from the U.S. surgeon general on Feb. 29, who added that masks "are NOT effective in preventing (the) general public from catching" the coronavirus.

Even if that may not have made complete sense – how do masks protect health care workers if they can't protect the public? – most Americans were willing to set aside the skepticism and leave the masks for those in the medical field.

Over the intervening weeks, as more information about the ever-changing novel coronavirus came out, researchers learned that asymptomatic and presymptomatic individuals could spread the virus before they were sick. Wearing a mask, researchers said, could help stop infected people from spreading the virus to others.

The issue of asymptomatic carriers was known since February and became more apparent through the month of March, but it wasn't until April 3 that the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued a recommendation that Americans wear homemade cloth face coverings " … as an additional, voluntary public health measure." The emphasis there was on "voluntary."

That changed for Pennsylvania residents on April 15 when the Department of Health issued an order requiring customers and employees at businesses still operating to wear masks. (Gov. Gretchen Whitmer issued a similar order for Michigan on Friday.)

All of this raises an obvious question: If masks can offer even the slightest bit of protection, and they are homemade so as not to cut into supplies for health care workers, why not recommend wearing them from the start?

Though there is no clear-cut data on their effectiveness, there's certainly enough anecdotal evidence that they could help stop the spread of COVID-19.

Other governments – Hong Kong, China, South Korea – recommended wearing masks as early as January. They appear to be on the downward side of the pandemic.

While the message on wearing masks has been conflicting, the one point on which health officials agree is that the masks serve as protection not for the person wearing it, but for those in close proximity. So wearing a mask is actually a safety precaution to prevent someone who may be asymptomatic from unknowingly spreading the virus.

Wearing masks in public appears to be the new normal for the foreseeable future, but one can't help but wonder if it's something that should have been started weeks ago.

– Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

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OBITUARIES

Chris G. Davenport

Dec. 13, 1947 – April 10, 2020

Chris Gordon Davenport Sr., a beloved son, father and grandfather, age 72, passed away peacefully on Friday, April 10, 2020, at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, Mich.

He was born on Dec. 13, 1947, to Theodore and Bernice Davenport Sr. in Lansing, where he was the fourth of 12 children. He held various prominent city government positions. He worked for the city of Benton Harbor, Grand Rapids, Flint and Pontiac. Some of his most proud career roles include his work in economic development in Washington, D.C., and his work as a professor at Penn State University.

He was united in holy matrimony to Beverly Poach in 1969; to this union Chris G. Davenport Jr. was born. Honored by the institution of marriage for a second time, Chris G. Davenport Sr. married Pearlene White of Benton Harbor in 1976, and to this union Marcus G. Davenport was born.

The most essential characteristics of Chris G. Davenport were that he was a devoted son, outstanding provider as a parent and a loving grandfather. He valued education and economic empowerment, and worked to instill those values in his children and grandchildren. He was an avid reader and had a thirst for being knowledgeable about current politics and global affairs. Many will remember Dr. Chris G. Davenport Sr. as a strong, no-nonsense and militant minded individual; others will remember him as a gentle giant who would do "anything" for his mother, children, grandchildren, family and friends. After a six-month battle with multiple health challenges, he made peace with God and transitioned on Good Friday morning.

He leaves to forever treasure his memory, his two sons, Chris (Jennifer) Davenport and Marcus (Latresha) Davenport; grandchildren, Tripp, Chris III, Camden and Zoey; his mother, Bernice Davenport; his siblings; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, June 12, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 3815 S. Cedar St., Lansing, MI 48910. Interment at 1 p.m. at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, 4444 W. Grand River Ave., Lansing, MI 48906.

George William Fleming

Sept. 14, 1939 – April 16, 2020

The Rev. George William Fleming, beloved cultivator of churches and blueberries, known for his encouraging words and gentle spirit, died of cancer on Thursday, April 16, 2020, at his home in Casco Township, surrounded by his family's love.

George Fleming was born Sept. 14, 1939, in South Haven, the oldest child of Jesse and Mary Fleming. As a young child he often rode with his father delivering fuel oil. George was active with his family in the Casco United Methodist Church. During the summer of 1954, he began propagating blueberries and continued growing blueberries until recent years. George attended Buys School and South Haven High School, graduating as salutatorian in the class of 1958. George attended North Central College in Naperville and American University in Washington, D.C., where he majored in political science. He graduated from seminary in 1965 from Evangelical Theological Seminary (now Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary).

On Nov. 28, 1970, George married Edna Abel of Cedar Springs. George's marriage to Edna was the highlight of his life. George and Edna became parents to Alice Mary on Oct. 20, 1972, and Christina Joy on Aug. 10, 1977.

George was assigned as pastor of the Turk Lake United Methodist Church and assistant pastor at the Greenville United Methodist Church in 1965. He led the building of the new Turk Lake Church in 1967, and the building of a parsonage in 1972. George served as pastor of the Sodus Chapel Hill United Methodist Church from 1975-1987. During his pastorate, the present church was constructed. George and Edna went on to serve as co-pastors of the Lawrence Avenue United Methodist Church in Charlotte from 1987–2002, where they led a church renovation. In 2002, George retired from the active ministry and returned to full-time blueberry farming. He was an active member of the Casco United Methodist Church where he occasionally officiated at various services.

Sympathy to wife, Edna; daughter, Alice Mary (Michael) Fleming Townley of East Lansing, Mich., and Christina Joy Fleming (Neil Harvey) of New York City; grandson, Jonathan Townley; granddaughter, Grace Townley; siblings, Ann Vermillion of Fullerton, Calif., Dorothy Shonkwiler of Grand Ledge, Mich., Tom (Dorann) Fleming of South Haven and Floyd Fleming of Douglas; and many extended family members.

A memorial service at Casco United Methodist Church will be held in the future. At the website georgewilliamfleming.com, friends and family can share memories, schedule a time to participate in online visitations, leave your email to get a notification of the memorial date, or donate online to the memorial. George requested memorial gifts be made out to Casco United Methodist Church, 880 66th St., South Haven, MI 49090.

The family is being helped by the Filbrandt Family Funeral Home in South Haven, 637-0333.

Carole Lynn Demkovich

Jan. 1, 1945 – April 19, 2020

Carole Lynn Demkovich, 75, of Stevensville passed away on Sunday, April 19, 2020, at Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids, Mich. Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph.

Carole was born on Jan. 1, 1945, in St. Joseph, to the late Arthur and Helen (Rudnick) Schultz. On Dec. 20, 1996, in Jensen Beach, Fla., she married Robert Demkovich. Carole worked as a waitress at the Silver Dollar in St. Joseph for 19 years.

Carole is survived by son, Earl Pillivant of Dowagiac; grandchildren, Gage Grant and Garrett Pillivant; great grandchildren, Tanner and Elena; a brother, Eugene Schultz; nieces, Kathy and Lynn; and a nephew, Gene.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Robert; and a sister, Gloria Agay.

At this time private services will be held with the family, and a Mass at St. Joseph Catholic Church will be planned for a future date. Carole's final resting place is in Riverview Cemetery in St. Joseph. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church in Carole's memory. Friends wishing to leave the family a message of condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Stephanie Wayne (Mayhew) Knuth

March 20, 1963 – April 15, 2020

Stephanie Wayne Knuth was born March 20, 1963, in Orlando, Fla., daughter of Nathan Wayne Mayhew and Julia Elizabeth Markham Mayhew. She married Kevin D. Knuth of Stevensville on April 10, 1982, in Monterey, Calif., while both were serving in the U.S. Army.

Stephanie graduated from Maynard Evans High School (Orlando) in 1981, then enlisted in the U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command and was honorably discharged in 1986. She was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses on Jan. 2, 1987.

Stephanie had a generous heart of gold, freely gave of herself with joy and love and was a gentle teacher. She loved visiting with family and friends and attending family reunions. Stephanie was an amazing, family-oriented person who lived her Bible-based beliefs, and her family and friends are grateful to have had her in their lives.

Stephanie passed away peacefully in her sleep on April 15, 2020, in Riverview, Fla. We take solace in her belief that she will be with us all again soon, in Paradise on Earth, where sickness and death will be no more.

She is survived by her husband, Kevin Knuth; their daughter, Kristen Knuth; brother, Nathan Mayhew; sisters, Jennifer Correa, Jodi Doyle and Rhonda Catrett; in-laws, Dale and Evelyn Knuth; many beloved brothers- and sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews; as well as her many extended family members.

She was predeceased by her father and mother; and her sister, Maria Cuccarese.

Final arrangements are facilitated by Serenity Meadows, Riverview, Fla., and a Celebration of Life Service will be announced at a later date, due to the current COVID-19 health concerns. In lieu of flowers, contributions for funeral expenses and outstanding medical expenses may be made to the Stephanie Knuth Memorial-Medical Fund: https://www.gofundme.com/stephanie-knuth-memorial medical-fund.

Damon Alonzo 'Buddha' Nichols

Feb. 16, 1975 – April 21, 2020

Damon Alonzo "Buddha" Nichols, 45, of Benton Harbor passed away on Tuesday, April 21, 2020, at home with his family by his side.

Damon was born on Feb. 16, 1975, to Selton and Ola (Green) Nichols in Benton Harbor. He graduated from Benton Harbor High School in 1993. Damon then went on to receive his associate's degree from Grand Rapids Community College, and also attended Ohio University, where he received a scholarship to play his beloved sport of football. He worked as a Berrien County dispatcher for 14 years, a job he deeply enjoyed. Damon was outgoing with a vibrant personality which made him well liked and loved by all. He was selfless with a strong work ethic. Most of all, Damon was a loving father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle and friend who cherished time spent with his family.

Damon is survived by his mother, Ola Nichols; daughters, Xiantria Nichols and Aquashia Nichols; son, Avondre Boyd; grandchildren, Janeeah Nichols, Raelynn Boyd, Daequan Tillman, Daemari Tillman, Avondre Boyd Jr. and Daveyonna Tillman; brother, Demetrius Nichols; sisters, Amelia (Frank) Gibson and Millie Nichols; mother of his children, Marilyn Tinsley; special friends, Danyeal McGee and Forest Harmon; and godparents, Walter and Christal Felton.

He was preceded in death by his father, Selton Nichols.

A celebration of life service will be held on Friday, May 1, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph. The funeral service will be broadcasted through the outdoor speakers starting at 11 a.m., with Pastor Jeremy Butler officiating. Funeral procession and burial will follow in North Shore Memory Gardens. In respect for social distancing, please remain in your vehicles while waiting at the funeral home and graveside committal service. Those wishing to leave online condolences or Hugs from Home messages may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com. The family would like to thank the Berrien County Sheriff's Department, local fire departments and law enforcement agencies, EMS and towing companies for their love and support.

Donald Gerlach

Jan. 22, 1936 – April 22, 2020

Donald Gerlach, 84, died unexpectedly at his residence on April 22, 2020.

Donald is survived by his wife, Shirley (Dinges) Gerlach; his children, Karen (Kim) Baiers, Donna (Mark) Hill and Kurt (Christine) Gerlach; his siblings, Dale (Bonnie) Gerlach and Ruth Smith; his grandchildren: Grant (Andrea) Baiers, Chase (Julie) Baiers, Rebecca Baiers, Emily Baiers, Mark (Kala) Hill, Nicole (Josh) Buyce, Kiel Gerlach, Zachary Gerlach, Jordan Gerlach, Grace Gerlach, Brooke Gerlach, Paige Gerlach and Brock Gerlach; and his great-grandchildren: Landon and Henry Baiers, Grayson and Cooper Baiers, Nolan Hill and Collin and Claire Buyce.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Martin and Frieda (Froehlich) Gerlach; and his son, David Gerlach.

Donald was born in St. Joseph on Jan. 22, 1936. He graduated from Berrien Springs High School in 1954. On May 24, 1958, he married Shirley Dinges. After high school he proudly served in the U.S. Army, stationed in South Korea until 1957. In 2018 he returned to South Korea with a group of Korean veterans who were honored for their service.

Donald farmed all of his life on the family farm where he grew up. He also worked for Clark Equipment in Buchanan for 17 years and retired from Gast Manufacturing. He was an active member of Grace Lutheran Church in St. Joseph, where served as usher and sang in the choir group for many years. He loved being outdoors in the fresh air and enjoyed farming, hunting and fishing.

Donald was a very passionate individual in all areas of his life, including family, hobbies such as woodworking and wine making and politics. He enjoyed talking with people and never rushed a conversation.

A private family service and burial will be held on April 27. There will be a gathering with family and friends at a later date to be determined. Those wishing to sign Donald's Memory Book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com. Memorial contributions: Grace Lutheran Church or Michigan Lutheran Athletic Dept.

See more obituaries on Page B2

Death notices

Bonnie A. Daisy, 71, of Dowagiac died April 20, 2020, at home. Clark Chapel and Cremation Services, Dowagiac, 782-2135.

Chris G. Davenport, 72, of Lansing, Mich., formerly of Benton Harbor died April 10, 2020, at Sparrow Hospital, Lansing. Riley Funeral Home, Lansing, (517) 372-6009.

Carole Lynn Demkovich, 75, of Stevensville died April 19, 2020, at Spectrum Health, Grand Rapids, Mich. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Rosalie Ann (Warman) Faultersack, 82, of Coloma died April 22, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

George W. Fleming, 80, of Casco Township died April 16, 2020, at home. Filbrandt Family Funeral Home, South Haven, 637-0333.

Donald Gerlach, 84, died April 22, 2020, at home. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Allen Kiefer Jr., 52, of Niles died April 23, 2020, at home. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Stephanie W. (Mayhew) Knuth, 57, of Riverview, Fla., died April 15, 2020. Serenity Meadows, Riverview, (813) 677-9494.

Idell Nichols, 92, of Coloma died April 23, 2020, at home. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Coloma, 468-6000.

Ann Marie Stoub, 46, died April 23, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Robert Hal Thompson, 74, of Easley, S.C., formerly of St. Joseph died April 17, 2020. Dillard Memorial Funeral Home, Pickens, S.C., (864) 878-6371.

Mary 'Diane' Nespital

July 4, 1946 – April 18, 2020

Mary "Diane" Nespital, 73, of St. Joseph passed away on April 18, 2020, at her home.

Diane was born July 4, 1946, in Chicago, to Ron and Betty Kuenster. She was the eldest of seven children.

Diane is survived by her husband, David Nespital of 44 years; son, Jeffrey Nespital of St. Joseph; daughter, Rebecca Nespital of Grand Rapids, Mich.; and five of her siblings: Patricia (Kevin) Wiseman of Burbank, Ill., Lois (John) O'Sullivan of Oak Forest, Ill., Robert Kuenster of Oak Lawn, Ill., Mary (Jerry) Vallos of Lakeland, Fla., and Donna (Pete) Lipira of Oak Forest. Other survivors include father-in-law, George Nespital of Niles; stepsister, Pat Waltz of Michigan City, Ind., Joe (Tere) Coffel of Kennesaw, S.C., Terry (Gerry) Ravish of Buchanan and Roger (Barb) Coffel of Indianapolis; as well as the many to whom she was a loving aunt and great-aunt.

Diane was preceded in death by her parents; sister and brother-in-law, Susan and Charlie Lombardo; sister-in-law, Evelyn (Mike) Balos; and many aunts and uncles.

Diane grew up on the south side of Chicago and graduated from Academy of Our Lady in Chicago. She worked in downtown Chicago at Humphrey Leather Goods as an executive secretary. After moving to Michigan, Diane worked as a secretary for Ford, Bacon and Davis out of Monroe, La., writing land access agreements for the Michigan-Wisconsin gas pipeline. Diane later worked for GAB Robins as a secretary for insurance adjusters.

Diane liked to travel and party. Along with her best friend, Marilyn, Diane had many adventures. They bought a boat and would store it at Paw Paw Lake where they stayed with a family friend. On one of their first ventures out they saw a man at the boat ramp. He asked, "Can I catch you?" Diane replied, "At what?" Two months later David Nespital asked Diane to be his wife. The two were married on June 28, 1975, in Alsip, Ill.

Diane always loved children. Due to medical issues, Diane and Dave could not have children. They adopted Jeffrey in 1981 and Rebecca in 1986, thus completing their family.

Diane was a co-leader of Singing Sands Girl Scout Troop for Becky and a member of Blue Star Mothers for Jeff when he joined the Army, now currently with the Michigan National Guard. Diane also served as a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church bereavement luncheon group. Diane had a passion for parties and entertaining. One of her favorites was the annual Tree Trim Party. Diane would invite co-workers and friends over to decorate the tree and gather for friendship and food. It was a time all looked forward to.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate any donations be made to Southwest Michigan Ostomy Support Group, 1234 Napier Ave., St. Joseph, MI 49085, or to Caring Circle / Hospice of Lakeland, 429-7100.

Arrangements have been made through Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450 and Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, Ill., (708) 255-0500. Burial will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Oak Lawn on April 23, 2020, following a private service. There will be a Celebration of Life service at a later date.

Robert Hal Thompson

Oct. 19, 1945 – April 17, 2020

Robert Hal Thompson, 74, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Friday, April 17, 2020.

Mr. Thompson was born in St. Joseph, and was the son of the late Hal Stroud Thompson and Berneice VanCourt Thompson.

Survivors include his loving wife of 43 years, Catherine Ann Thompson of Easley, S.C.; daughter, Christine Dove of Easley; and his loving and precious grandchildren, Hope, Katelyn and Jordan. Also surviving is a brother, James Thompson of St. Joseph.

Robert loved his family and spending time teaching a young Christine the value of accounting. He loved NASCAR, playing golf and watching football. What he loved the most was working on his genealogy. He was a member at Monroe First Baptist Church in Monroe, N.C. He spent his life's work as an accountant and traveled a lot with his job. He was a veteran of the Untied States Air Force.

Dillard Funeral Home, Pickens, S.C., is assisting the Thompson Family. Online condolences may be sent to www.dillardfunerals.com.

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago – 1995

The sand castle statue in the Margaret Upton Arboretum in St. Joseph will be moved to a more visible location at State and Water streets, possibly within a month. The sculpture, which depicts a father building a sand castle with two children, sits at the eastern end of the arboretum near Lakeview Terrace High Rise.

The sculpture is scheduled to be moved to where State Street dead ends at the pier. The paved ramp will be redesigned to accommodate the statue.

35 years ago – 1985

Alberta Brant will be one of 20 Berrien Artist Guild members who will participate in the guild's annual Blossomtime Art Walk April 28-May 6. Participating artists will display paintings and other fine arts in store windows of businesses along the Blossom Parade route in downtown St. Joseph.

50 years ago – 1970

Preventive measures to promote safety on the piers leading from Lake Michigan to the Black River in South Haven have been proposed by the Army Corps of Engineers. The primary measure will be to construct a security gate and fence that will prevent persons from gaining access to the piers during adverse weather conditions, according to Albert Reed, Detroit District Safety Office Director for the Corps of Engineers.

The action stems from several drownings last summer and fall when high waves washed them into the channel as they walked along the north pier.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Saturday, April 25, the 116th day of 2020. There are 250 days left in the year.

Highlights in history:

On April 25, 1945, during World War II, U.S. and Soviet forces linked up on the Elbe River, a meeting that dramatized the collapse of Nazi Germany's defenses. Delegates from some 50 countries gathered in San Francisco to organize the United Nations.

On this date:

In 1898, the United States Congress declared war on Spain; the 10-week conflict resulted in an American victory.

In 1915, during World War I, Allied soldiers invaded the Gallipoli Peninsula in an unsuccessful attempt to take the Ottoman Empire out of the war.

In 1917, legendary jazz singer Ella Fitzgerald was born in Newport News, Virginia.

In 1959, the St. Lawrence Seaway opened to shipping.

In 1983, 10-year-old Samantha Smith of Manchester, Maine, received a reply from Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov to a letter she'd written expressing her concerns about nuclear war; Andropov gave assurances that the Soviet Union did not want war, and invited Samantha to visit his country, a trip she made in July.

In 1990, the Hubble Space Telescope was deployed in orbit from the space shuttle Discovery. (It was later discovered that the telescope's primary mirror was flawed, requiring the installation of corrective components to achieve optimal focus.)

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Few Showers	Few Showers	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Few Showers	Showers Likely
55°	41°	50° / 40°	53° / 47°	58° / 51°	53° / 44°

Local Outlook

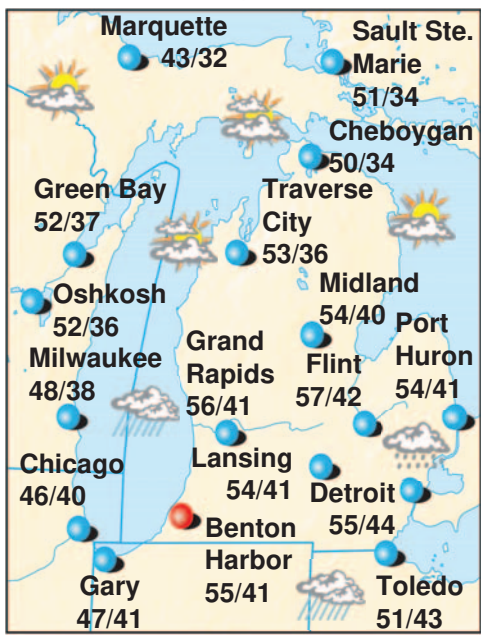
Today we will see cloudy skies with a 65% chance of showers, high temperature of 55°, humidity of 60%. Northeast wind 8 to 11 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 70% chance of showers, overnight low of 41°. North northeast wind 11 to 14 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	6:49 a.m.
Sunset	8:38 p.m.
Moonrise	8:24 a.m.
Moonset	11:20 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
4/30	5/7	5/14	5/22

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	51°
Low	43°
Normal High	63°
Normal Low	41°
Record High	84° in 2009
Record Low	27° in 2015

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	1.93"
Normal for month	2.65"
Year to date	8.82"
Normal Year to date	8.30"

Air Quality

Yesterday 48

Main Offender Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 Good
51-100 Moderate
101-150 Sensitive
151-200 Unhealthy

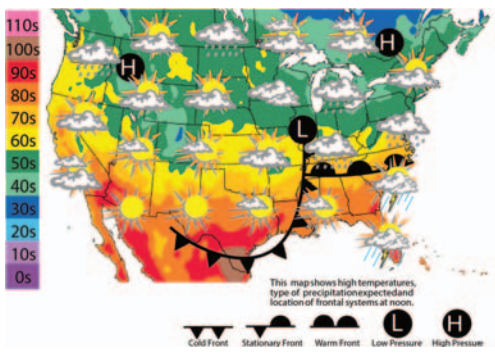
Weather Trivia

What are the horse latitudes?

Answer: They are areas where large high pressure centers keep winds very weak.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for April 25, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, ENE wind around 9 kt. A chance of showers. Waves around 1 ft. Water temperature 43 degrees. Tonight, NNE wind 9 to 12 kt. A chance of showers. Waves 2 to 3 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy to mostly cloudy with highs in the 40s and 50s. East wind 2 to 8 mph. Expect partly cloudy to mostly cloudy skies Sunday with highs in the 40s and 50s. North northeast wind 6 to 10 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be cloudy with scattered showers and rain, highs in the 50s. Northeast wind 8 to 11 mph. Expect cloudy skies Sunday with isolated rain and showers, highs in the 40s and 50s. South wind 12 to 15 mph.

Gift of the Mask: New York governor lauds retired farmer's gesture

By MARINA VILLENEUVE
Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — Help has poured into New York from many places as the coronavirus has killed thousands, but the most humble of gifts – a single N-95 mask – brought a mist to the eyes of the state's governor.

A retired farmer in Kansas mailed the mask to Gov. Andrew Cuomo, saying the couple hoped it could be used by a doctor or nurse.

Cuomo read the entire letter at his daily briefing as an example of courage and generosity in dark times.

"I am a retired farmer hunkered down in N.E. Kansas with my wife who has but one lung and occasional problems with her remaining lung," read the hand-written letter from Dennis Ruhnke, also signed by his wife, Sharon. "We are in our 70s now and frankly I am afraid for her."

Nevertheless, Ruhnke wrote, the couple had five masks and wished to give one to help New York's battle against the virus.

"Enclosed find a solitary N-95 mask left over from my farming days. It has never been used" the letter said. "If you could, could you please give this mask to a nurse or a doctor in your city."

Cuomo's eyes misted as he brandished the mask at his daily briefing.

"You want to talk about a snapshot of humanity," Cuomo said. "How beautiful is that? How selfless is that? How giving is that?"

"It's that love, that courage, that generosity of spirit that makes this country so beautiful," Cuomo said.

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Fire destroys building at Deer Forest

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

COLOMA — Fire destroyed a building at the shuttered Deer Forest in Coloma on Thursday night.

North Berrien Fire Rescue Chief Michael Mattix said his department was called at 9:58 p.m. on a report of a fire at the park, which has been closed as a public attraction since 2015. It is owned by an Illinois man, John Modica. It is currently unoccupied.

Mattix said the fire department arrived on the scene at 10:08 p.m. and an old barn at the rear of the property was engulfed in flames. He said firefighters had trouble getting to the building because they could not find a gate large enough to allow a fire truck through. Firefighters stretched a hose from a pumper over a fence and through the woods to reach the building.

Mattix said the building was once used as a theater for animal shows, and most recently had been used as a haunted house. He said the next closest structure was at least 50 yards away, so no other buildings were at risk. He said the building is a complete loss but he does not know the dollar value.

Mattix said as of Friday morning the cause of the fire had not been determined and remains under investigation by the fire department and Coloma Township police. He said no foul play is suspected at this time.

Deer Forest was a popular local attraction for decades, opening in 1949.

North Berrien Fire Rescue was assisted by the Watervliet Fire Department and Hartford Fire Department and all units cleared the scene at 1:06 a.m., Mattix said.

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ABOVE: Lakeshore High School staff and volunteers put together hundreds of yard signs Friday afternoon to be placed at the homes of high school seniors throughout the county. Schools across the country have been closed since March due to the COVID-19 pandemic, forcing students and teachers to move to a virtual learning environment.

LEFT: Austin Partee places a sign in the yard of a Lakeshore High School senior Friday afternoon in Stevensville.

Photos by Don Campbell / HP staff

Too close for comfort?

Ask a Cop

DANIEL UNRUH
Bridgman Chief of Police

I am a renter at a duplex. The other day, my neighbor on the other side had a birthday party. Several people, congregating together in our shared driveway, standing close together.

I did nothing, other than stay in my house.

Given the stay at home order, should I have called the police?

Lisa, from Stevensville

Hi Lisa, thanks for your question.

I'm not sure there is a clear-cut answer, but I will take this opportunity to enlighten you and others on how most police departments are trying to enforce the governor's orders.

I would like to remind everyone that the order(s) change frequently and it's sometimes difficult for even law enforcement and the courts to keep up with. I think I can speak for most police departments that for the most part we are doing the very best we can with what we have. Initially, complaints of violations were being directed to the state's Attorney General's Office for review or investigation. It seems that after being inundated with calls, all reports were then re-directed to the local, county and state law enforcement agencies to handle.

When my department receives a report of people gathering in public or on private property, we approach the situation from more of an educational or common-sense standpoint. Most of the time when people report gatherings or non-essential businesses open, the caller doesn't want to "get involved" by leaving their name, other pertinent information or even want police contact. When that happens, we will check the location when officers are able to and if we observe or suspect someone is breaking the rules, we will try talking with those present in attempts to educate them.

A lot of times, by the time officers arrive in the area or at a location, the violators have either left the area or entered their residence. In those instances where the caller does not want police contact, to be a witness or documented in a report, then the officer(s) are at a loss because these violations are misdemeanors. If officers

See **UNRUH**, page B2

Capturing the battle against nature

Photographer highlights remnants of losing fight to subdue Lake Michigan

By MATT FRITZ
Michigan City News-Dispatch

MICHIANA — Looking at the Lake Michigan shoreline in Michiana, local artist Joel Brussell sees a battle.

There are slabs of cement, worn and blasted by the waves; remnants of iron seawalls, torn apart by the action of wind and water; but mostly there are the boulders and stones, part of a contingent of battlements put out years ago to protect lakefront homes from encroaching nature.

BRUSSELL

Brussell said it reminds him a bit of the ruined battlements of Normandy Beach, where the U.S. launched the largest amphibious invasion in history during World War II.

And it's something he's been cataloging for about a year in photos. At first, he said, he was just interested in photographing the ice formations on the boulders near Stop 42 in Michiana, but then things changed.

"I began to notice when it warmed up they (the boulders) were a good kind of background or framing for the sunset," he said, "and specifically, I had an idea to do the sunset through the splashes of water above them."

Photo provided

In this wintertime photo, Melissa Dittman plays her cello by a series of boulders protecting lakefront properties in Michiana Shores.

Brussell, whose work has been shown at the Lubeznik Center for the Arts, the Box Factory, Fernwood Botanical Gardens, and the A+C Architects Gallery in Skokie, Illinois, said he's since become obsessed with capturing the look of boulders and seawalls and other defenses as they change with the seasons.

Now they're part of the gallery of work – Songs of Erosion and Savage Sunsets – in his latest shows. He wants others to see what he sees in the uniqueness of the landscape created by this struggle.

"I think that it's an unnatural accident that sort of created a kind of, to me, cool landscape," he said. "Because in one sense you have complete nature and rugged nature, and then in another sense you've got people fighting that nature, with boulders and seawalls and whatever they're doing, and maybe between the two of those things, it's created something else. Again I say stumbled because I didn't necessarily set out to do this."

He said a lot of people didn't notice or appreciate how different the boulders look at different times of the year. Photographing them became more about capturing moods or personalities, or different universes.

See **SHORELINE**, page B2

Baroda man jailed after shooting

By HP STAFF

BARODA — A Baroda man is in the Berrien County jail after he allegedly fired shots at some people outside his house.

Baroda-Lake Township Police Chief Shawn Martin said no one was injured. He did not release the man's name pending arraignment on several felony charges.

Martin said police were called at 11 a.m. Friday to a house at 8893 Stevensville-Baroda Road in Baroda on a report of shots fired.

Police said based on their investigation, the 52-year-old male resident of the house had gotten into a verbal argument with a man and woman who were outside the residence.

The man allegedly fired three shots at the two people, but did not hit either of them.

Martin said two bullets went into a van parked outside, and one bullet went into the ground.

Baroda-Lake Township Police were assisted by Michigan State Police, deputies from the Berrien County Sheriff's Office, Bridgman police, Chikaming Township police and Medic 1 ambulance.

Pair of SH Speaker Series events canceled

By HP STAFF

SOUTH HAVEN — As the Covid-19 pandemic continues, so does cancellation of public events in town.

The latest public program to fall victim to social distancing is the first portion of the South Haven Speakers Series.

Series organizers had planned for speakers in May and June, but have now decided to cancel the programs.

"Out of an abundance of caution for the safety of our audience we have decided with the concurrence of the scheduled speakers to cancel the first two of our four scheduled presentations," Series President Mark Odland said.

Mary Kramer, group publisher of Crain's Business magazine in Detroit, had been prepared to discuss the topic, "Public Trust Has Eroded in Our Institutions, on May 21, while Alan Mallory was scheduled to speak about his successful Mt. Everest climbing experience, June 3.

"We hope to include Mary and Alan in our 2021 Series," Odland said

A decision on the remaining 2020 Series events will be made at a later time. Scheduled for September 24 is Patti Poppe, president and CEO of CMS Energy, on "A Michigan Future without Fossil Fuel," and on Oct. 22 professor Jim Butterfield from Western Michigan University plans to address the topic, "Why the Russians Do What They Do."

LOWE'S DONATES MASKS, WATER

Don Campbell / HP staff

Lowe's Home Improvement donated 1,000 N-95 masks, along with cases of water, to Benton Township first responders Friday to help during the COVID-19 pandemic. Pictured with the donated items are, from left, Rickey Ward, Lowe's store manager, Lemont Betts, Benton Township trustee, back, Carolyn Phillips, Benton Township clerk, Debbie Boothby, Benton Township treasurer, Cathy Yates, Benton Township supervisor, William Melcher, Benton Township deputy police chief and Brian Smit, Benton Township police chief.

Photos provided

One of the many photos Joel Brussell has taken of the sunset, this time through the waves crashing against the rocks.

"The Softness of Iron" is one of the many pictures Joel Brussell has taken documenting the changing look of the structures protecting lakefront properties against the encroaching waves.

SHORELINE

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"I just was intrigued with the boulders and at first the prehistoric-like feel they had when covered in ice," he said.

"The winter feels timeless, but spring and summer are a bit more like a painted dramatic landscape. ... I was intrigued with the sunsets around them as seen through a splash. It took time to set in that this was the same set of boulders."

But there was more for Brussell.

When he posted some of this work online, people started commenting about how the landscapes could be from a million years ago, "as opposed to down the street at your beach this afternoon," he said.

"And in fact, people have said, when they see the pictures, 'Oh, is that Maine?' 'The East Coast?' And I go, 'No, that's Lake Michigan.' Because you don't generally see big boulders, you don't see rock formations in Lake Michigan.

"It looks like a sort of rugged East Coast coastline. Or West Coast. You know, we live in the Midwest, which of course is flat, and Lake Michigan doesn't have a rocky coastline, so this is kind of an artificial creation of that."

He also started juxtaposing the primordial-looking landscapes with people, namely cellist Melissa Dittman, to emphasize some of the "softness" he sees.

"Maybe [this is about] opening eyes to the beauty of something they wouldn't naturally think of," he said. "I'm a firm believer in accidents rather than intentions. And this was an accident."

For more information on Brussell's work, visit brussellphotography.com.

OBITUARIES

Arline Marion Poschke

Nov. 29, 1926 – April 22, 2020

Arline Marion Poschke, 93, of Stevensville went to Heaven to be with her Lord on Wednesday, April 22, 2020. Her strong will to live and her bright smile will be truly missed by all. Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph.

Arline was born on Nov. 29, 1926, in Bridgman, to the late Fred and Grace (Mead) Miller. She graduated from Bridgman High School in 1945. She married her late husband, Leonard, on May 26, 1945. They were married for 65 years. Arline was a devoted wife and mother and was an Avon representative for 54 years of her life. She established many friendships through her Avon sales and enjoyed talking with and helping her many customers.

Arline is survived by her three children: Larry (Brenda) Poschke of Coalmont, Tenn., and their children, Jill, Joy and Joseph; Donna (Butch) McNair of St. Joseph, and their children, Ashley, Timothy, Lindsay and Gregory; and Allen (Nancy) Poschke of St. Joseph, and their children, Kristin, Karin and Kaitlin; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard; and her parents, Fred and Grace Miller.

A private funeral service will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, with graveside services held in Lincoln Township Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made in Arline's honor to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School in Stevensville. Those wishing to share a memory of Arline online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

David T. Boyle

Dec. 22, 1945 – April 19, 2020

David T. Boyle, 74, of Benton Harbor went to meet his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Sunday, April 19, 2020, at his home.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held later this summer at Crystal Springs Church of God. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Dave's name may be made to Crystal Springs Church of God or Caring Circle Hospice. Those wishing to sign Dave's memory book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Dave was born Dec. 22, 1945, in Chicago, to Thomas and Kathryn "Kay" (Schell) Boyle. He graduated from Fenger High School in Chicago, class of 1964, and earned a bachelor's degree from Anderson College in Anderson, Ind., in 1968.

On June 24, 1967, he married the former Sandy LaShure in Anderson. Dave taught at Covert Public Schools at the elementary level from 1968-1995. Dave was a member of Crystal Springs Church of God, where he served as head usher. He cherished the time spent with his church family on Sundays and other special occasions. In his free time, Dave enjoyed tending to his sports cards and memorabilia business, Kard Korner.

Dave is survived by his wife, Sandy; two sons, Michael (Makiko) Boyle of Tokyo, Japan, and Terry (Silvana Viegas) Boyle of Stevensville; his grandson and best buddy, Leonardo Viegas-Boyle; brother-in-law, Steve and Carol (Nevin) LaShure; two nieces, Courtney and Stephanie; and six grandnephews and nieces: Mason, Olivia, Mariah, Owen, Gabe and Lilly.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his son, Christopher Boyle on Jan. 19, 1978.

Bonnie A. Daisy

March 18, 1949 – April 20, 2020

Bonnie A. Daisy, 71, of Dowagiac passed away Monday, April 20, 2020, at her home.

A private gathering will be held at Clark Chapel in Dowagiac, with burial following in Rush Lake Cemetery in Hartford. Memorial contributions in Bonnie's name may be made to the family, in care of Beth Edelberg. Those wishing to share a memory of Bonnie online may do so at www.clarkch.com.

Bonnie was born March 18, 1949, in Benton Harbor, to Howard and Agatha (Williams) Daisy. She attended Benton Harbor High School. Bonnie worked as a substance abuse counselor for the Pokagon Tribe for seven years, and later worked as a Head Start teacher, helping with migrant infants and toddlers. She was a Pokagon Band Elder. Bonnie was known as a jokester; she enjoyed telling jokes and making everyone laugh. In her spare time she enjoyed playing board games, fishing, foraging and just being outside. Most of all, she loved her family and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Bonnie is survived by her children, Tina (Jeff) Morris, Brenda Edelberg-Singh, Beth Edelberg and Jennifer Edelberg; grandchildren: Mathew Morris, Lorell Edelberg, Austen Igert, Alanna Singh, Rani Singh, Ryan Smalley, Samantha (Kevin) Smalley-Davis, Seth Sapp, Emily Moore, Dominick Moore, Devon Moore, Korbin Moore and Grayson Edelberg; great-grandchildren: Brody, Aubrey, Zoey, Ava, Parker, Reese, Rory, Razari and Avanaco; sisters, Judy Daisy-Sink and Shirley (Frank) Gallegos; brother, Terry Daisy; and many nieces and nephews.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents; and siblings: Ernest Daisy, Howard Daisy Jr., Jerry Daisy, Karen Daisy, Arlene Daisy and Francine Daisy.

Ann Marie Stoub

June 8, 1973 – April 23, 2020

Ann Marie Stoub, 46, was called home peacefully on April 23, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

A private graveside service will be held on Tuesday, April 28, at Hickory Bluff Cemetery, Stevensville. Memorial contributions may be given to the Christian Reformed Church of St. Joseph. Those wishing to leave a condolence for Ann's family may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Ann was a graduate of Christ Lutheran School, Michigan Lutheran High School and Calvin College, earned a master's degree in school psychology at Andrews University and later a library science degree at the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee. Ann worked as a school psychologist in South Bend and Plymouth, Ind. For the past few years, she had lived in St. Joseph and worked in the Stevensville Meijer deli.

Ann's many interests included reading, knitting and geocaching. She also liked to camp, fish, kayak and hike, especially at Ludington State Park. She loved music, British TV, Dr. Who and the Chicago Blackhawks. Ann had many difficulties in life. She had a strong faith in her Creator, Redeemer and Friend, our Lord Jesus Christ. Ann's faith was encouraged by the many members of Christian Reformed Church of St. Joseph. They are to be commended for their love.

Ann will be missed by her parents, Marvin and Barbara (Decker) Stoub; her sister, Susan (Paul) Aschenbrenner; her niece, Morgan; her nephew, Collin; her step-grandmother, Fennetta (DoornBos-Kuiper) Stoub; and her many uncles, aunts, cousins and friends.

She is preceded in death by her grandparents, William and Anne (Van Oosbree) Stoub and Henry and Clara (Burger) Decker.

See more obituaries on Page A5

UNRUH

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do not personally observe or witness most misdemeanors in their presence, they (as well as the prosecutor) need someone who witnessed the act willing to testify under oath that the crime was committed.

Again, we will check alleged violations of the governor's orders, but it always helps when the complainant or person reporting these incidents is willing to be identified as a witness and testify in court if needed. Some, if not most of these violations are documented in a report and forwarded to the prosecutor for review before any action is taken against the violator(s), so if you see the police show up and leave after talking with people, more than likely they have educated them or will send a report to the prosecutor.

Most police departments that I've talked with since the governor signed the original order agree with the educational approach where we meet with the alleged violator(s) and remind them of the "safe distance" rule. All the reports that our department have received and investigated turned out to be either unsubstantiated, in compliance of the order(s) or the person in question cooperated with officers after being talked with. If the parties involved do not heed warnings to cease their actions and officers must return to find them continuously violating, they can be cited, or the police can seek warrants through the court. Most departments rely on officer's discretion when handling those types of situations.

As always, if your neighbors and guests are disturbing your peace, trespassing on your property, etc., you should always contact the police. That is your right as a victim of any crime.

Hopefully, we will get through this pandemic soon, with common sense and patience. Until then, please stay safe and stay healthy.

Send in your questions about the law; get an answer from those who enforce it. Email your question to AskACop@TheHP.com and it may be featured in an article.

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When it comes to Veterans Benefits, many veterans and dependents don't know what they don't know. Nationwide, less than 10% of those eligible apply. Let us help to educate and navigate you thru the maze of what is available from discharge to death. Here are some of the many benefits:

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★ PTSD Counselors from the South Bend Vet Center that comes to Berrien County twice a week.

★ Non-Service Connected Veterans Pension and Survivors Pension benefits (House Bound as well as Aid and Attendance) for low income veterans over age 65 or prior to age 65 that are disabled and have at least one day of wartime service (additional means tested restrictions apply).

★ Free transportation at designated stops for veterans enrolled in the VA Health Benefits Program to the VA Medical Center in Battle Creek and the VA Health Care Center in Mishawaka.

★ Financial assistance thru the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund for wartime veterans or peacetime veterans who earned an expeditionary medal (additional means tested restrictions apply).

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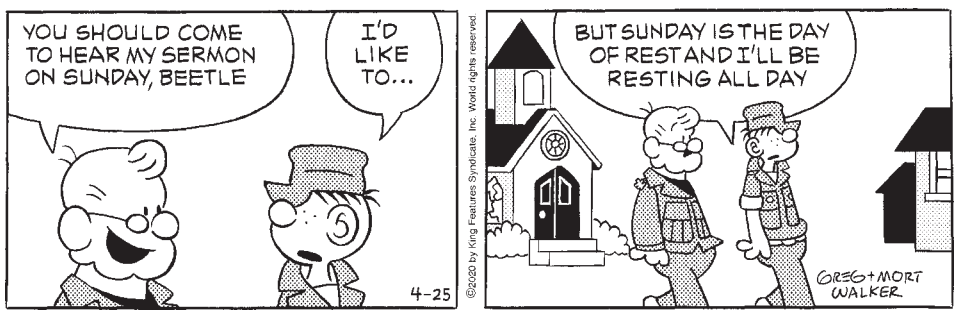
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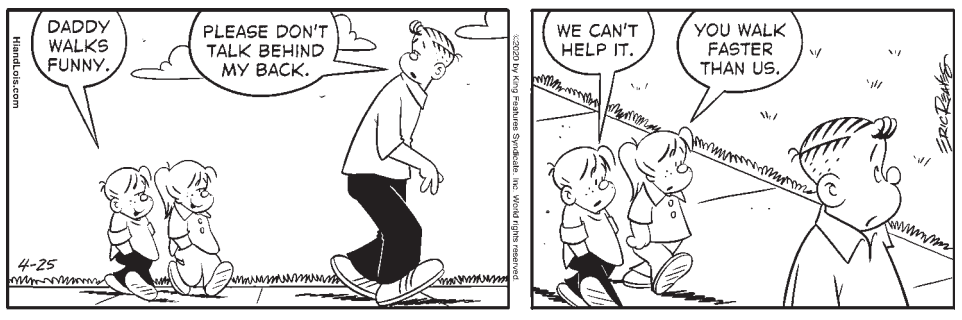
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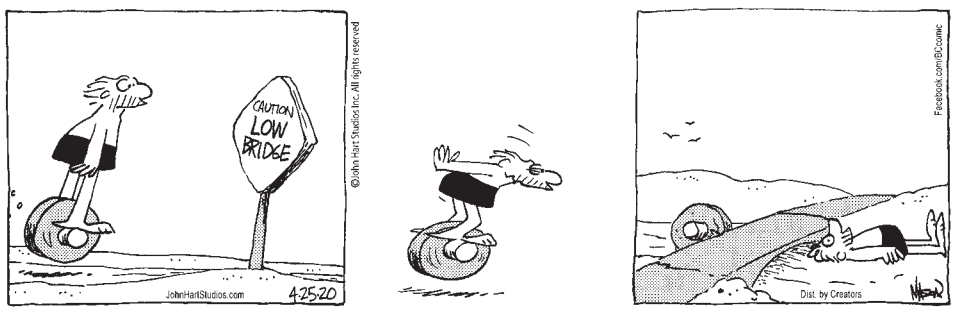

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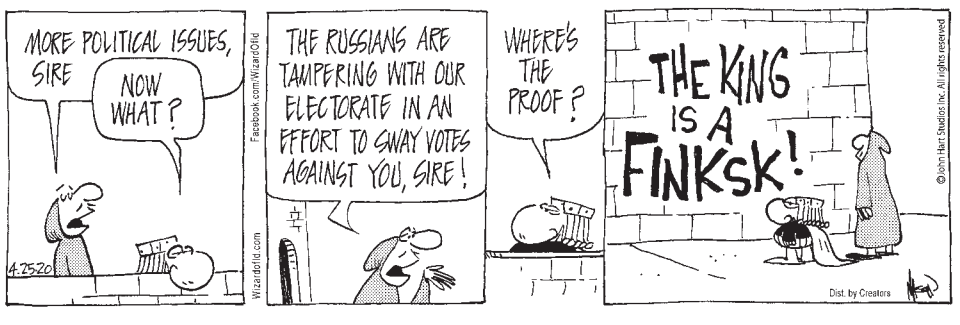
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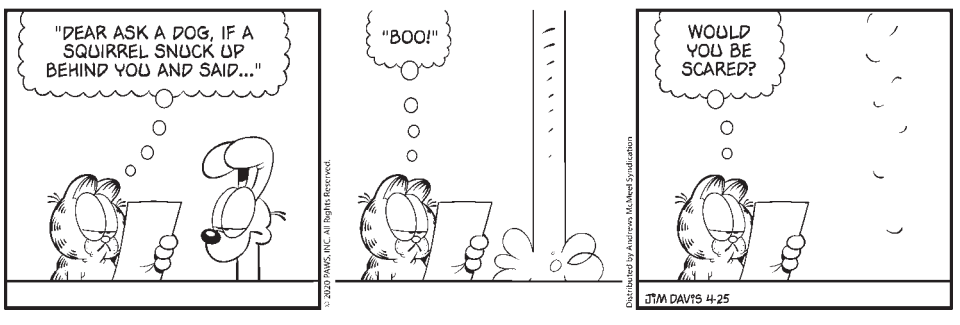
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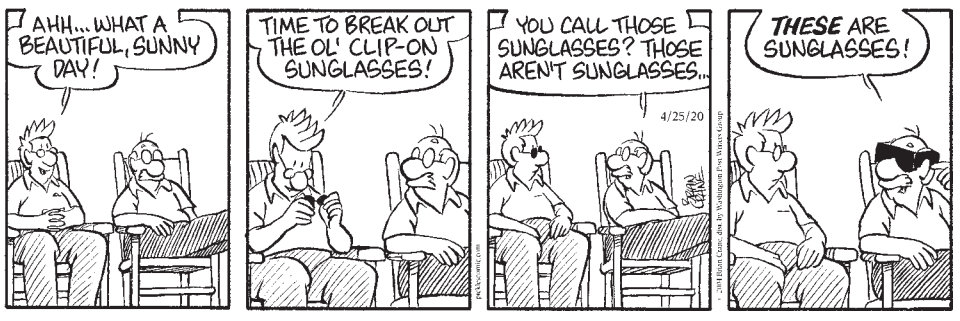
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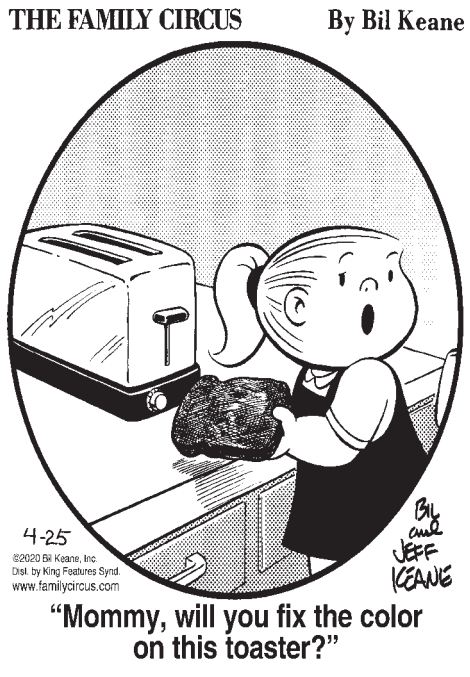

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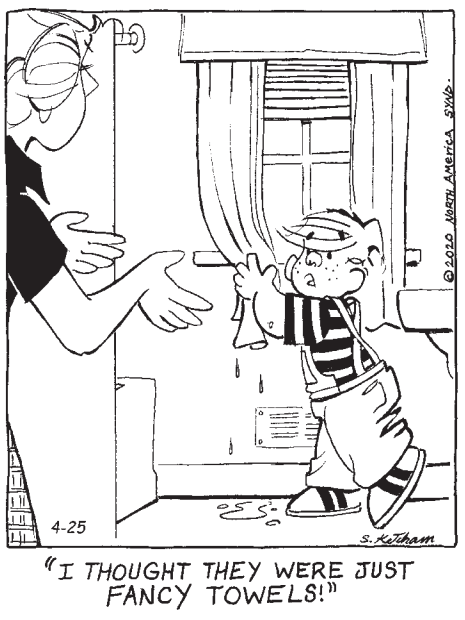

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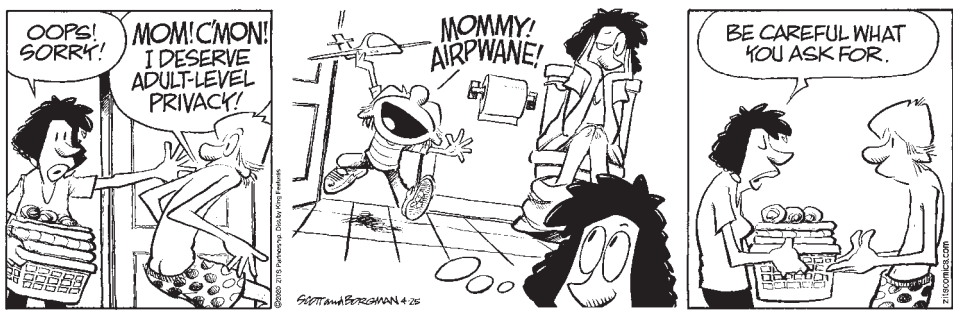
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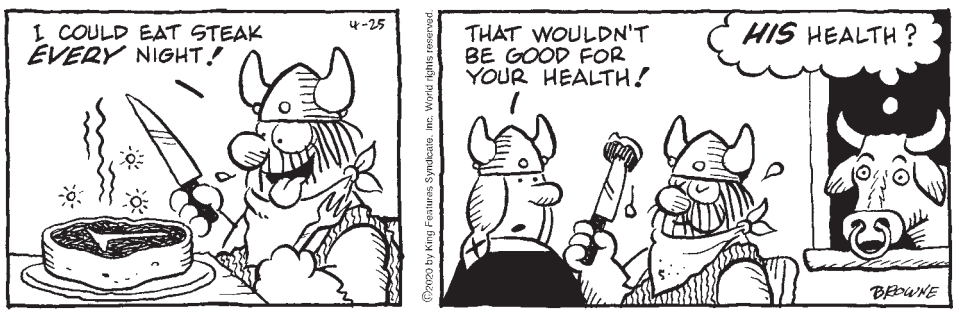
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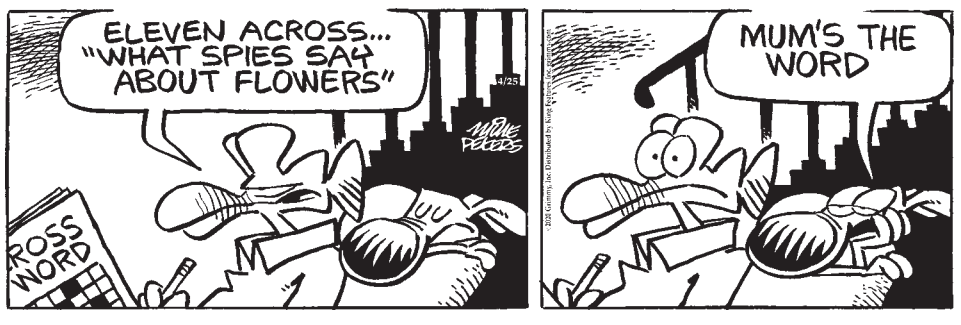

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BUT WE'RE CALLING THEM EVERY DAY. WE'RE KEEPING IN CONSTANT TOUCH. AND THEY'RE DOING FINE.
IT'LL BE OKAY, SAL. IT'LL TAKE TIME, BUT IT'LL BE OKAY.
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Submitting hunting or fishing photos

Have a behemoth buck, a tremendous turkey or super-sized salmon? Please submit photos to sports@TheHP.com.

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Barred owl seeks the sunshine

Photo provided / Pat Conrad

A barred owl is seen April 14 in Lincoln Township. Barred owls are rarely seen during daytime hours.

Jonathan Wuepper
Southwest Michigan Wildlife

Pat Conrad of Lincoln Township captured a rare daytime image of a barred owl on April 14 which landed in her backyard.

Her husband, Bob Conrad, says he believes the owl is one of a pair nesting nearby along the Hickory Creek corridor.

The barred owl, named for the "bars" on its chest, prefers large tracts of unbroken forests, and is a permanent resident throughout its range which includes all of Michigan.

Barred owl, red-shouldered hawk and pileated woodpecker are good indicator species of a healthy, mature forest.

Barred owls are also present along forested river and creek bottoms.

The barred owl in Conrad's photo is less than a mile away from its preferred habitat in the wooded Hickory Creek corridor.

The nest is usually found in native tree cavities, but occasionally the species will utilize old hawk and squirrel nests.

Two or three eggs are the average clutch size in southern Michigan, and young usually fledge the nest during May.

Dick Schinkel of Oronoko Township has several wild turkeys courting on his property. On April 12, Schinkel photographed a male as it was displaying for nearby hens.

By mid-May most turkey hens are incubating, and by early summer young have left the nest and will remain with the mother until the fall.

Brad Anderson observed yellow-rumped warbler and brown creeper on April 19 in Bridgman. Both of these species are migrating through the region, northbound to Canada and northern Michigan where they will summer.

Other songbirds currently at or near peak migration numbers in Southwest Michigan are hermit thrush and ruby-crowned kinglet, and will vacate the region by early May.

Charles Jespersen of St. Joseph reports a male ruby-throated hummingbird was seen at his feeder on April 20, and to my knowledge this is the first report of the species in Berrien County this year.

The average spring arrival date of the ruby-throated hummingbird in Berrien County is April 20, and Baltimore oriole is April 21. As of this writing, I am unaware of any local reports of Baltimore oriole this year.

Photo provided / Dick Schinkel

A male wild turkey displays for a hen on April 12 in Oronoko Township.

Jonathan Wuepper is an area naturalist. Report your sightings to him at wuepperj@gmail.com.

Online lessons help anglers cope with pandemic

Dave Mull

Kayak fishing on Southwest Michigan lakes has been enormously pleasant this spring without jet-skis and yay-hoos in bass boats trying to see how fast they can go.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's stay-at-home order didn't officially outlaw motorboats, but the "frequently asked questions" attached to the order said any motorized watercraft used on the water could lead to a $1000 fine for whoever was using it.

Of course social media lit up with folks who said this order was unfair. If kayaks canoes and sailboats could be on the water, why should motorboats be banned?

From a personal standpoint, I don't think it's fair that I could take my kayak out on almost any lake in the state, but even cottage owners couldn't walk across their lawns and take their pontoons for a cruise with their families.

This isn't to diminish the terrible death toll and ongoing danger of the COVID-19 pandemic.

I understand why essential workers (such as my wife who works at a funeral home) get upset that people don't do all they can to stay home. My wife gets quite angry talking about folks who march on Lansing to protest their perceived loss of freedoms.

I get it. But in this crazy time, a day on the water is a good way get out of the house and relax.

The ban on motorboats was lifted on Friday.

But for those days when anglers may want to stay home, there are some online things worth checking out.

First and foremost, many big name fishing celebrities are doing Facebook Live sessions, taking questions from their fans. Chief among these is bass fishing's Greatest Of All Time angler Kevin VanDam of Kalamazoo.

Once a week, VanDam has been on a Facebook Live e-cast for an hour, taking questions of all sorts from folks who follow him or otherwise learn of the online Q&A.

This sort of thing doesn't happen very often. VanDam is a great teacher and goes into detail about different aspects of bass fishing. To find out when his next Facebook Live session will take place, check out his Kevin VanDam Fishing Facebook page.

Meanwhile, Mark Zona, the star of his own "Zona's Awesome Fishing Show" has been making short videos available on YouTube. As of this week, the Sturgis resident had posted three of them.

Each goes into detail about a specific fishing tactic that he covered in one of his shows. The current topics include "Tube Cracking for Bass," "Deep Finesse Swim Baits" and "Umbrella Rig for Smallmouth Bass."

Zona has one of the most entertaining fishing shows ever, largely due to his easy-going, self-deprecating mannerisms, obvious sense of humor and the rapport he has with his guests, who are mostly professional bass anglers.

His YouTube shorts, called "Show Dirt" cover the details of tactics he shown in the regular TV show. Anyone who pays attention to these Show Dirt lessons is likely to learn something that will help them catch more fish.

One last fellow well worth mentioning for the fishing knowledge he imparts for free online is Lance Valentine, a Michigan walleye guide and fishing educator who founded "Teachin Fishin."

Valentine has helped a lot of anglers maintain their sanity with an hour of discourse every morning from 7 to 8 o'clock. He gives some of the best seminars this writer has ever seen. If you want to get the most out of your electronic sonar and GPS, watch one of his presentations.

Now, each morning, you can join in his live podcast on Facebook, ask him questions and just enjoy an hour of talking about fishing.

While there haven't been many positive things to say about this crazy pandemic, access to some of the greatest fishing minds on the planet is an exception. In the midst of despair, we all can log on to Facebook or YouTube and enjoy some educational sessions that likely would not have happened in saner times.

Photo provided / Dave Mull

During the COVID-19 pandemic, TV fishing celebrity Mark Zona has produced three short episodes available on YouTube called "Show Dirt" in which he details tactics that can help viewers catch more fish.

Outdoors columnist Dave Mull lives in Paw Paw. Write to him at dave.sportfish.mull@gmail.com.

Trees now at higher risk of oak wilt

FROM THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

If you have oak trees – especially red oaks – now is the time to be wary of oak wilt spores carried by flying beetles.

From April 15 to July 15, oak trees are at high risk for oak wilt, a serious fungal disease that can weaken white oaks and kill red oak trees within a few weeks of infection.

"The guidelines against pruning oak trees during this period are a way to help prevent the spread of the disease," said James Wieferich, forest health specialist in the DNR's Forest Resources Division, in a news release. "Unfortunately, many people learn not to prune or otherwise wound trees from mid-April to mid-July only after they lose their oaks to oak wilt."

Once a tree is infected, the fungus also can move to neighboring red oaks through root grafts. Oaks within about 100 feet of each other – depending on the size of the trees – have connected, or grafted, root systems.

Left untreated, oak wilt will continue to move from tree to tree, killing more red oaks over an increasingly larger area. As more trees die from oak wilt, more fungal spores are produced, which allows the beetle to carry infection to new locations.

Oak wilt was first identified in the 1940s and is now widespread across Michigan. Red oaks are most susceptible to the disease. These trees have leaves with pointed tips and include black oaks, northern red oaks and northern pin oaks.

Trees in the white oak group have rounded leaf edges and include white oaks and swamp white oaks. They are less susceptible.

Symptoms most often appear from late June until September.

Affected trees will suddenly begin to wilt from the top down, rapidly dropping leaves, which can be green, brown or a combination of both colors.

The high-risk period of infection occurs from April 15 to July 15, so it's important to avoid pruning or injuring oak trees during this time.

If you have a tree that gets damaged during the risk period, immediately cover all wounds with tree-wound paint or latex-based paint.

Don't move firewood, especially if it comes from oaks that may have died from oak wilt, as firewood can harbor the fungus.

If you suspect your firewood is infected by oak wilt, you can help slow the spread by burning it, chipping it or debarking it before April. Once the firewood has been dried over a year and/or all the bark loosens, the firewood can no longer spread oak wilt.

To minimize the risk of oak wilt infection caused by logging damage, the DNR restricts cutting of red oak trees on state-managed land between April 15 and July 15.

The DNR recommends private forest landowners exercise caution during this period and, whenever possible, delay harvesting activity in oak forests until after July 15.

NICE CATCH

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Erin Himes of Sodus bagged her first turkey April 18 near Coloma on her first shot.

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Social distance, celebrate at the same time

April has been long, and it's still not over, so let's just skip to May a week early.

Alexandra Newman
Let's Celebrate

This way I can tell you about National School Principals Day on May 1. The day is to celebrate those that are working so hard for your kids right now to keep them educated.

Some may also know of this day as May Day.

May Day is an ancient festival of spring and a current traditional spring holiday in many European cultures, while mayday is the international radiotelephone distress signal, used by ships and aircraft.

May 2 is National Join Hands Day, so I don't think we can celebrate that one this year in the literal sense, but the day is about uniting the older generation with the younger generation in a day of volunteering. Check with volunteer.uwsm.org to see how you can volunteer locally (or turn to Page C2).

Last year, I told you about National Lumpy Rug Day on May 3. But did you know it is also National Garden Meditation Day?

Spend a few quiet moments in a garden, or near a nice tree if you don't have a garden readily available. It couldn't hurt to try to take your mind off the world for a little bit.

May 6 is National Nurses Day, and May 9 is National Student Nurse Day. It's important to thank these essential workers every year, but especially this one.

Last year, I told you about National Lost Sock Memorial Day on May 9. The day is also National Miniature Golf Day. Set up a course in the yard and have endless fun all week. It's miniature!

May 10 should be a day dedicated to cleaning your bedroom. It's National Clean Up Your Room Day. You have some weird stuff squirreled away in there and you know it.

A nice day to support a local pizza place would be May 15. It's National Pizza Party Day. Go sit in a friends yard at least 6 feet away and share a slice.

The next day is National Do Something Good for Your Neighbor Day in which you should take some leftover pizza to your neighbor.

Don't get too excited about National Visit Your Relatives Day until May 18 gets here. If rules allow it by that far into the future, visit safely.

National Scavenger Hunt Day is May 23.

American gossip columnist, author, songwriter and professional hostess Elsa Maxwell (May 24, 1883 – Nov. 1, 1963) is credited with the introduction of the scavenger hunt for use as a party game in the modern era, according to national daycalendar.com.

The last Monday in May is always recognized as Memorial Day. In my family we used the second meaning of this day to take flowers to the cemetery of our loved ones who had passed. The first meaning of the day is to honor and remember everyone who has died while serving in the U.S Armed Forces.

The third meaning of the day (you didn't think there

See **NEWMAN**, page C2

We're going on a bear hunt

By DON CAMPBELL
HP Staff Photographer

Across the country, the COVID-19 pandemic has had an unprecedented impact on our lives. Businesses have shut their doors, schools have closed for the year, and people are encouraged to practice social distancing.

Michigan is one of many states that is under a stay-at-home order, which allows residents to travel for groceries, emergencies and outside for exercise.

With these restrictions in place, a popular activity has emerged as children search for teddy bears and stuffed animals placed in residential and business windows.

Check out your local neighborhood to see how many you can find. Here are a few we spotted.

Read this story online at www.TheHP.com/features for even more photos.

Battling isolation with Friendly Callers

Pat Arter
Generations

Week five of staying home. Still working, but from home.

I never was interested in being a remote worker. I am energized by my colleagues, learning from them, gaining inspiration from them, and also laughing and crying together when needed. I'm adjusting, though, better than I could have imagined.

The first week was difficult. I couldn't find a comfortable spot to work or figure out how to get organized. I had to make a couple trips back to the office for different technology pieces. But I figured it out, eventually.

My "desk" overlooks the back yard. I strategically arranged my work space so I could watch the birds, and that has been a daily delight.

The bulk of work in my department revolves around managing the work of about 150 senior volunteers who do amazing work in their communities. All of those volunteers are also now safely at home.

Our priority quickly turned to helping those seniors, and others, to remain connected.

The topic of isolation has been at the forefront of discussions at the Area Agency on Aging for some time now. We have been planning what our role could and should be for isolated seniors in our community.

Then COVID-19 hit with little forewarning. We knew that addressing isolation and loneliness would rapidly become a critical part of navigating this time for many people, particularly seniors.

So, with some quick teamwork, we created a plan for reaching out to seniors who would benefit from chats with a friendly caller.

We trained staff members who would very quickly become the Friendly Callers. The team members who are making those calls report back some great conversations, as well as some difficult ones.

Some calls are five minutes, and some are 30. Some people want a call once a week, while others need more frequent touchpoints. We happily make those accommodations.

There are relationships beginning that I think could become lifelong friendships. Everyone on the team has said how rewarding it is to be a part of this work.

If you know someone who could use a friendly call, or maybe you are someone who could use a friendly call, please reach out. The number to call is 408-4332. You will receive a call back quickly, and we welcome you with open arms. Please reach out.

Changing subjects, I've tried to note some observations I'm having during this time. Most are silly. Like, have you noticed that many of the people on your local news shows are having to do their own hair and make-up? It makes me smile. And it makes me appreciate their human-ness more than I did before.

Also, who do you know

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PETS OF THE WEEK

Houston, at right, and Jolene are 4-year-old siblings. Despite orange tabby stripes and white patches, both have unique black spots. These cats are bonded and need to be adopted together. Very loving and playful, they get along with other cats and dogs. They are neutered/spayed and current on shots. For more information, contact Paws of Hope via private Facebook message, by calling 340-0272 or by emailing paws4ever2012@gmail.com.

ANNIVERSARIES

Klug
70 years

Richard and Joyce Klug of Eau Claire celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on April 22.

Richard Klug and the former Joyce Young were married April 22, 1950, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Sodus.

Their children are Rick Klug of St. Joseph, Ronald Klug of South Haven and Cynthia Kucharzyk of Berrien Springs.

They have 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Richard is a U.S. Army veteran, serving during World War II and the Korean War. He is a lifetime member of VFW Post 1137, and is retired from Whirlpool Corp., and from farming.

Joyce worked at Industrial Rubber Goods in St. Joseph.

They are members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Sodus.

Hinkelman
65 years

Carl and Donna Hinkelman of Benton Harbor celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on April 16, staying at home due to the coronavirus, reminiscing on their years together.

Carlyn Hinkelman and the former Donna Haak were married April 16, 1955, at St. John's Catholic Church in Benton Harbor.

Their children are Carlyn Hinkelman of Windemere, Fla., Jon (Diane) Hinkelman of Watervliet, Beth Anne (Rick) Martin of Coloma, Karen (Randy) Olds of Lawrence and Jayne (Fred) Cook of Suttons Bay, Mich.

They also have 14 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

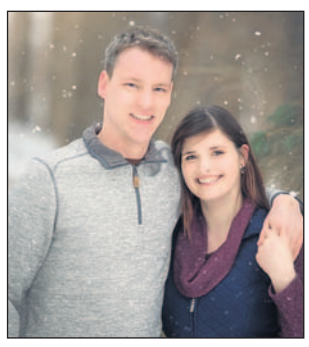
Carl retired after 31 years at Clark Equipment Co., and later as a farmer.

Donna retired from Benton Harbor State Bank. She also owned and operated Donna's Ceramics and Bainbridge Bears. She still sews teddy bears as a hobby.

They are members of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Watervliet, where Donna served as a Eucharist minister and prepares food for funerals. They are also members of Welch's.

ENGAGEMENT

Blott
Bussing



Erin Blott and Michael Bussing are planning an Oct. 10, 2020, wedding.

Blott, the daughter of Timothy and Susan Blott of Hartland, Wis., is a graduate of the University of Findlay in Ohio. She is employed with Whirlpool Corp.

Her fiance, the son of Elizabeth Durfee Bussing of Coloma, is a graduate of Coloma High School. He is employed with New Beginning Inc.

CHURCH NOTES

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 9193 Cleveland Ave., Baroda, has canceled all face-to-face activities until Michigan's stay-at-home order has been lifted. Worship services can be found online at www.stjohnsbaroda.com.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 2673 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville, has canceled all upcoming face-to-face services and activities. The church will continue to hold online services on its Facebook and YouTube pages. For more information, visit www.stpaulswels.org.

All activities at **The Old Rugged Cross Church**, 61041 Vermont St., Pokagon, are canceled until further notice. There will be no hymn sings, concerts, dedication or tours until the state's stay-at-home order is lifted and it is once again safe for groups to gather.

Zion St. Joe United Church of Christ, 3001 Veronica Drive, St. Joseph, continues to hold 10 a.m. Sunday services on its Facebook page: ZionChurchStJoe. The Rev. Adam Bohland will continue his "The Power of Words" series this week with "Family Words: Hurtful or Life Giving?"

Let's dream a new Earth

Debra Basham
Insights

For the first time in human history, we cannot deny our global connectedness.

COVID-19 got very personal for me when our daughter, living on a sailboat in Key West, Fla., with her husband, became ill. She had a high fever, weakness and a cough, likely related to the coronavirus.

She didn't fit the criteria for high risk, so she wasn't tested. She was told to stay at home (on the boat) and treat the symptoms, going to the emergency room if symptoms escalated.

They only had bicycles, and our son-in-love, Doug, is considered high risk (AFib and a lung bacteria).

Life feels so uncertain.

Of course, nothing is ever certain. And nothing is ever as it used to be. Everything changes. You cannot hold onto anything.

According to Angeles Arrien, cross-cultural anthropologist and author of "The Four-Fold Way," a universal way of diagnosing illness would be for the shaman to address essentially four questions: (1) when did you stop singing (2) when did you stop dancing (3) when did you stop being enchanted by stories (4) when did you stop enjoying the sweet sound of silence.

Early in the pandemic here in the U.S., an insightful poem by Kitty O'Meara circulated:

"And the people stayed home. And read books, and listened and rested, and exercised, and made art and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still. And listened more deeply. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced. Some met their shadows. And the people began to think differently. And the people healed. And in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless and heartless ways, the Earth began to heal. And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses and made new choices, and dreamed new images and created new ways to live and heal Earth fully, as they had been healed."

This was the experience for the privileged of the world, including those in developing countries. However, the plight of the poor in crowded dwellings has worsened, making them even more "disposable."

This is a time for praying and dreaming of possible "new ways."

People are meditating. Neighbors are leaning out their windows to sing. From porches, people are playing musical instruments in concert. Chanting is being shared on Zoom. School choirs are performing via social media.

But this is the world for just some of us.

Henry Van Dyke wrote, "One should learn to enjoy the neighbor's garden, however small; the roses straggling over the fence, the scent of lilacs drifting across the road."

Undeniably, this virus has changed things for the worse for many people. So many have already died. Financial losses cannot even be comprehended. Fear and uncertainty are unprecedented. But so is love. So is gratitude. So is generosity.

A patron left a $10,000 tip for a take-out meal. A restaurant owner (with family in Italy who told him what was coming to U.S.) ordered all of the food he could get from his supplier – 1,000 pounds – gave it to his employees, laid them all off, and sent them home to safe shelter.

He is quoted as saying, "When this is over, I hope they will come back to work for me again."

Privileged parents now have time for their children. Neighbors are checking on neighbors.

It isn't all grim. Creativity is abounding. Songs are being written. Everything from toilet paper art to masterpieces are springing, like hope, eternally.

People report being able to hear birds, and wind, and laughter rather than traffic and horns and jets.

Living in excess has not only threatened the poor of the planet, but also the planet itself.

Earth Day was Wednesday. Our Earth is benefiting from this forced change in industrialized human behavior. The sun is visible in China for the first time in decades as smog clears. Waters are becoming cleaner by the moment.

Businesses have created processes so people can work from home, and this could continue. We can live better lives with less.

With love, gratitude and generosity, new ways of living on this precious planet are coming forth – ways of life that sustain all beings and the planet.

Let's dream a new Earth, where everyone and everything has opportunity to not only survive but to thrive.

Today's Insights was written by the Rev. Debra Basham, author of "Stories of My Heart." Insights is written by area clergy to give different viewpoints on a variety of topics. It is published each Saturday in cooperation with the Berrien County Association of Churches. The views expressed by the author do not necessarily reflect the views of member churches.

NEWMAN

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was going to be another one did you?) is that it's known to mark the beginning of summer.

In addition to it being Memorial Day this year, May 25 is also National Tap Dance Day and National Wine Day.

I get it if you call off work on May 26 with that many reasons to celebrate.

Last year, I told you about National Smile Day on May 31. But it's also Necrotizing Fasciitis Awareness Day. I'll let you do your own research on that one.

Tweet me a picture of you celebrating one of these days @HPANewman.

If you have a holiday you're passionate about in June that you'd like me write about, let me know at anewman@TheHP.com.

Alexandra Newman is a staff writer for The Herald-Palladium.

ARTER

From page C1

who has cut their own hair? Why not? It's been fun to see some of those, mostly on Facebook, since we don't see many people in person.

I know a few people who've done so, with differing results. Not naming names.

Is anyone doing jigsaw puzzles? That's a longtime family tradition for us, and this provided a great time to dive back in. I've got three 1,000-piece puzzles on their way. I look forward to that.

Whatever you're doing with your time, I hope you find joy. My husband and I are enjoying some movies at home. I get to have FaceTime with my grandkids regularly, and that is so wonderful. We've even pulled out some old albums to play on our record player – yes, record player!

If you're struggling, tell someone. If you need someone you're comfortable reaching out to, please call us: 408-4332. Together we are all better.

Pat Arter is senior volunteer program director of Region IV Area Agency on Aging in Southwest Michigan. Questions on age or independence services? Call the Info-Line for Aging & Disability at 800-654-2810 or visit www.areaagencyonaging.org. The Generations column appears each Saturday in The Herald-Palladium.

VOLUNTEERS

Feed the need

During the current stay-at-home order, some seniors are wondering where their next meal will come from now that their usual resources are closed.

Recently, the state purchased Quarantine Boxes, also known as Q Boxes, for the Area Agency on Aging to help provide relief for seniors in need of shelf-stable food.

The boxes contain 33 well-balanced, high-protein food items, and can provide 22 adult meals.

United Way of Southwest Michigan and the Area Agency on Aging need volunteers to distribute these boxes to seniors in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Face masks for seniors

If you are making cloth face masks at home and looking for a place to donate them, the Area Agency on Aging is seeking volunteers to sew and donate face masks for area seniors.

These masks will provide an extra layer of safety for frail seniors or individuals with disabilities who have care providers coming into their homes. In addition, seniors without a family member or caregiver to rely on may need to leave their homes to buy groceries, pick up medicine or buy personal care items.

These masks can help them maintain safety and minimize risk while reserving N95 masks for medical personnel.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

United Way of Southwest Michigan

The Herald-Palladium, in conjunction with the United Way of Southwest Michigan, publishes volunteer opportunities every Saturday.

To view all current listings, please visit United Way of Southwest Michigan's volunteer page at **uwsm.org/volunteer.**

Operation COVID Cheer – send seniors cheer

Meals on Wheels of Southwest Michigan and the Greater Niles Senior Center are asking for people to make and send cards to senior citizens.

Be creative and help cheer up someone who is lonely and potentially scared.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Compassion into action

American Red Cross of Southwest Michigan is looking for volunteers for several opportunities, such as a Disaster Action Team members, who provide 24-hour emergency response to local disasters, ensuring that those affected have access to resources for basic necessities such as food, shelter and clothing.

The American Red Cross also is looking for blood drive volunteers in Berrien and Cass counties.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

COVID-19 standby volunteers needed

United Way of Southwest Michigan is looking for volunteers who are willing and able to help in a variety of ways during the COVID-19 crisis. Volunteers may be needed to help with tasks such as food distribution, cleaning and laundry.

At this time, this opportunity is an "on-call" opportunity, meaning volunteers will only be contacted if a specific need arises.

If you are willing and able to volunteer for tasks such as these, sign up volunteer.uwsm.org.

Give. Advocate. Volunteer.

United Way mobilizes the caring power of communities to fight for the health, education and financial stability of every person. Volunteering your time and talent to create lasting solutions that improve life for everyone is an important part in United Way accomplishing this work. Volunteer today and join the fight, by visiting www.uwsm.org.

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hp SPORTS

Goodline transfers to Huntington

Coloma standout played at Oakland freshman season

By HP STAFF

GOODLINE

Former Coloma basketball standout Zach Goodline has transferred to Huntington University.

Goodline, the reigning Herald-Palladium Senior Male Athlete of the Year, originally was going to play men's basketball at Huntington but instead walked-on at Division I Oakland University.

He is the first recruit for new Forresters coach Kory Alford.

"We are extremely excited about Zach joining the Forester family," Alford said in a news release. "He is a perfect fit for our University and the basketball program. "Zach is a fierce competitor and understands how to play. We look forward to him playing a big role in the future of Huntington basketball."

Goodline appeared in 11 games for the Golden Grizzlies, averaging 0.7 points per game. He played 25 minutes in a Jan. 9 game at Youngstown State, followed by a 19-minute showing Jan. 11 at Cleveland State.

A starter in the game, he was 6-for-6 at the free throw line.

"I am excited for my next three years at HU and I'm looking forward to building something special here with Coach Alford," Goodline said in a news release.

U-M facing more legal action over alleged abuse

By LARRY LAGE
Associated Press

ANN ARBOR — A legal team that says it represents more than 100 people who allege that they were abused by a deceased University of Michigan sports doctor on Friday announced the first step in filing a lawsuit against the school.

The Anderson Survivors Legal Team said it has filed 20-plus notices of intent to sue the Ann Arbor school, its board and Dr. Robert Anderson's estate. A lawsuit would be among a rising wave of legal action against the school, which is investigating allegations of decades of sexual abuse by Anderson.

"We have credible evidence that the University of Michigan received complaints regarding Dr. Anderson and failed to properly investigate, discipline and sanction Dr. Anderson for his abusive and harassing conduct," attorney John Manly said.

University spokesman Rick Fitzgerald said Michigan "has confidence in the independent investigation now underway by the WilmerHale law firm."

"This firm has deep expertise to conduct a thorough and unflinching review of the facts – wherever they may lead," Fitzgerald said Friday.

The university has acknowledged some campus employees were aware of accusations against Anderson before a 2018 complaint that led to a police investigation.

The Anderson Survivors Legal Team says its clients include Robert Stone, the first to speak publicly about allegations of abuse against Anderson, and female accusers.

"What they all have in common is there was a power differential and they were manipulated," Manly said.

The Mike Cox Law Firm has filed 39 lawsuits in U.S. District Court in Detroit and expects that total to increase to about 45 by Monday. The school has responded in court with a motion to consolidate along with a series of requests to delay.

"We argued in our federal court response that UM's two goals are to, first, seek indefinite delay, until the fall or next year, before they have to respond, even though they had over 21 months to prepare for these lawsuits," Cox said. "And, then move to dismiss these meritorious complaints, despite their public statements to treat these Michigan men justly."

Cox said his firm filed a lawsuit in Washtenaw County Circuit Court on Thursday, the county that includes Ann Arbor, giving the school 21 days to respond in front of Washtenaw County Judge Carol Kuhnke.

Wahlberg, Woodruff, Nimmo & Sloane says it has more than 80 clients, including a former Michigan baseball player, who went on to play in Major League Baseball, trying to reach out-of-court agreements with the school. The Denver-based firm also says it represents former medical school students and residents with accusations against Anderson.

Chuck Christian, the first former Michigan football player to publicly say Anderson abused him, is also hoping to make the school accountable without a lawsuit. Christian said earlier this week that Anderson gave him unnecessary rectal exams before he played for the Wolverines during the 1977-80 seasons. Christian said he has stage 4 prostate cancer that could have been treated sooner and more effectively if he wasn't emotionally scarred by Anderson's annual physicals.

More than two months ago, the school revealed it was investigating multiple allegations of abuse against Anderson, who died in 2008. Fitzgerald said that as of Thursday, there have been 257 unique complaints, most via a hotline established to report complaints regarding Anderson.

Two former University of Michigan football players identified as "John B 27 Doe" and "John B 28 Doe" said current assistant athletic director and head trainer Paul Schmidt and a trainer were aware of – and even joked about – Anderson, according to a release from Manly.

"It was always just, like hey, go see Dr. A," John B 27 Doe said. "Go drop your drawers. I specifically remember Schmidty's laugh about it. Like I can see him doing it. I definitely remember Schmidty laughin' and cacklin' about it."

John B 27 Doe identified the trainer as "Murph" and described him as "a little more quiet."

Anderson's actions were considered a "running joke" among Schmidt, Murph and the other trainers, said John B 28 Doe.

"We would come in and Schmidty would tell us: 'go on in there and go drop ya drawers,'" he said.

Michael Conroy / AP

Notre Dame tight end Cole Kmet runs a drill at the scouting combine in Indianapolis on Feb. 27.

Hometown pride

Bears open draft by taking TE Cole Kmet, CB Jaylon Johnson

By ANDREW SELIGMAN
Associated Press

Cole Kmet grew up in the Chicago suburbs cheering for Hall of Famer Brian Urlacher and former star tight end Greg Olsen. His dad, Frank, played on the Bears' practice squad in the early 1990s.

Now, Kmet gets to suit up for his hometown team.

The Bears addressed one of their biggest weaknesses on a struggling offense by drafting the Notre Dame tight end with the No. 43 overall pick Friday night before adding Utah cornerback Jaylon Johnson at No. 50.

"I was just so pumped up," Kmet said.

Bears tight ends combined for just 395 yards last season and none had more than 91 all year. They now have 10 on their roster after taking the sure-handed, 6-foot-6 Kmet, who started 11 games as a junior last season after missing the first two because of a broken collarbone and caught 43 passes for 515 yards and six touchdowns.

Kmet grew up about 45 miles northwest of Soldier Field in suburban Lake Barrington and starred in football and baseball for St. Viator High School. The White Sox showed interest in drafting him out of high school. He even worked out for them at their ballpark, but opted to play both sports at Notre Dame, where he ultimately focused on football.

With the Bears, he will get to work with one of this generation's most accomplished tight ends in Jimmy Graham. Chicago signed the veteran, hoping the five-time Pro Bowl pick can regain the form that made him a star for New Orleans and Seattle before getting released by Green Bay.

Kmet said he models his game after Rob Gronkowski. Either way, the Bears are banking on bigger things.

Kmet was home in Arlington Heights, where he recently moved, with his immediate family and girlfriend when he got the call. It got disconnected and so did a FaceTime attempt before coach Matt Nagy gave him the news.

"Yeah I know they've been looking for a tight end to fit in the room and stuff," Kmet said. "And I know they just signed Jimmy, and I think I'm a little different type of player than Jimmy in terms of how I play and how I can be used."

Johnson fills a void in the secondary where the Bears are looking to complement Kyle Fuller. A first-team, All Pac-12 selection the past two seasons, he had two interceptions and a team-high 11 pass breakups as a junior last year.

Chicago came into the night with seven selections over the final two days of the draft. The Bears have a fifth-rounder (163), as well as two each in the sixth (196, 200) and seventh (226, 233).

The Bears had to wait a day to make their first pick because they did not have a first-rounder for the second year in a row. They dealt them to Oakland for star pass rusher Khalil Mack prior to the 2018 season.

The Bears have been busy in the offseason after going 8-8. They came into the year with Super Bowl hopes after winning the NFC North at 12-4, only to miss the playoffs for the eighth time in nine years.

They acquired former Super Bowl MVP Nick Foles from Jacksonville to compete with quarterback Mitchell Trubisky, after the No. 2 overall pick in 2017 struggled in his third season.

The Bears also tweaked their defense, signing former All-Pro pass rusher Robert Quinn to take the pressure off Mack.

Even so, they still came into the draft with plenty of work to do.

The Bears sorely need more playmakers to go with receiver Allen Robinson and lift one of the league's worst offenses. Help on the line was another priority after Chicago gave up 45 sacks and ranked near the bottom of the NFL at 3.7 yards per rushing attempt.

Even the defense – one of the NFL's best the past few years – has holes. The Bears could also use a safety to complement Eddie Jackson with Ha Ha Clinton-Dix gone.

Lions take Swift in 2nd round, 2 more in 3rd

By LARRY LAGE
Associated Press

D'Andre Swift's favorite all-time running back is Barry Sanders, even though he was born after the Hall of Famer ended his career with the Detroit Lions.

Swift heard so much about Sanders that he watched the way he ran and tried to emulate him.

The Lions, clearly, loved what they saw Swift do at Georgia.

Detroit drafted Swift early in the second round of the NFL draft on Friday night with a slightly surprising pick.

The Lions also started the night with a pair of selections in the third round, including No. 85 overall as part of the trade that sent Pro Bowl cornerback Darius Slay to Philadelphia. They used that third-round pick in a deal with Indianapolis to move up to No. 75, then selected Ohio State guard Jonah Jackson.

Detroit took Notre Dame linebacker Julian Okwara earlier in the third round. His brother, Romeo, is a defensive end for the Lions.

In his ninth game for the Fighting Irish last season, the 6-foot-4, 252-pound Okwara broke his left leg and his college career was over. He had 15 ½ career sacks and 24 tackles for losses over his last three years at Notre Dame.

John Amis / AP

Georgia running back D'Andre Swift runs as Missouri defensive back Khalil Oliver (20) defends during a Nov. 9 game.

With its first pick of the night, Detroit decided Swift was too good to pass up at No. 35.

The 5-foot-8, 212-pound Swift was projected to possibly be a first-round pick.

He is known for being a big-play running back, who has good vision and makes quick cuts. Swift entered the draft after running for 1,218 yards and seven touchdowns as a junior.

Despite sharing time in a talented backfield with the Bulldogs, he had 2,885 yards rushing and 20 touchdowns. The three-down running back also had 73 career catches for 666 yards and five scores.

Detroit went into the second day of the draft with eight picks remaining, giving the team assets to make moves.

The Lions chose to stay with their first slot Friday night, and the selection suggests they may not be confident Kerryon Johnson can stay healthy after he missed games in each of his first two seasons with injuries.

"I'm just looking forward to compete," Swift said.

Johnson missed eight games last year and six games in 2018 as a second-round rookie from Auburn. In 18 games in the league, Johnson has run for 1,044 yards and six touchdowns and has 42 receptions for 340 yards and two scores.

"I know a lot about him," Swift said. "He had a great career in college."

The franchise was interested in possibly moving back in the opening round Thursday night to pick up extra picks, but general manager Bob Quinn said no one made him an offer.

The Lions addressed a need with what appeared to be a perfect fit, selecting Ohio State cornerback Jeff Okudah with the No. 3 pick overall. He should help a defense that ranked No. 31 in the league last season.

Detroit's rookies may prove to be pivotal for Quinn and coach Matt Patricia, who probably have to at least contend for a spot in the playoffs to come back in 2021. The Lions lost their last nine games last season and finished 3-12-1.

Swift and Johnson potentially give the offense a potent backfield to help take pressure off quarterback Matthew Stafford. The passing game features a receiving corps that is perhaps the strength of the team.

The Lions were expected to take Okudah if they didn't trade out of the No. 3 slot. They were not projected as a place Swift would land on Friday night, but taking Jackson seemed like a sound move. The former Ohio State and Rutgers standout will have an opportunity to start in the spot vacated by Graham Glasgow, who left in free agency to sign with the Denver Broncos.

If cash is king so is being mortgage-free

Michelle Singletary

As the stock market skyrocketed and mortgage interest rates fell, financial experts encouraged people to put any extra money they had into their retirement accounts rather than pay off their mortgages early.

The reasoning behind such advice was twofold. Homeowners could potentially earn more by investing extra funds in the bull market than they saved by paying down their mortgage. And however much they spent on mortgage interest, they'd get some of the money back at tax time.

I've never been a fan of this advice, for a few reasons.

Stocks have more risk. Unlike the stock market, paying off your mortgage early offers a guaranteed return. Shorten your mortgage by paying it down sooner, and you pay less in mortgage interest.

And, as we've seen since the coronavirus began spreading, the stock market can be extremely volatile as investors respond to economic downturns by fleeing to safer investments. Over time, investors have historically seen positive returns, but in any given period, that's not a guarantee. We are in one of those uncertain periods now.

The mortgage interest deduction isn't as significant as you think. Keep in mind that this tax break is a deduction, not a credit. A tax credit reduces, dollar for dollar, the taxes you owe. A deduction eliminates only a percentage of your income subject to taxation.

The vast majority of homeowners don't claim the mortgage interest deduction at all: They take the standard deduction rather than itemizing. You have to itemize on your return to take the mortgage interest deduction.

The number of homeowners who benefit from the mortgage tax break plummeted following the passage of the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which nearly doubled the standard deduction, with the result that fewer taxpayers itemized deductions on their tax returns. The tax law reduced the share of taxpayers claiming the mortgage-interest deduction from 23 percent to 11 percent, according to the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy.

There's value in not worrying about the roof over your head. If you're a homeowner, you can weather a financial storm a lot longer if your housing expense is confined to a manageable property tax bill and a homeowner's insurance premium.

"It's been a great feeling ever since we went to the bank to make the very last payment," a North Carolina reader wrote. "Right now we feel incredibly fortunate that we don't have any monetary stress and know that if something happens to our – or even one of our – jobs, we'll be OK."

With unemployment up and tens of millions of folks out of work, I wanted to revisit the debate about paying off a mortgage early with financial adviser Ric Edelman. We've had many long and friendly discussions about this issue.

I asked Edelman recently if he had changed his mind given current economic conditions. He doubled down arguing that it's still better for people to invest extra funds rather than tying up the cash in a home, creating a situation referred to as being "house rich, cash poor."

"None of that money is helping you pay your bills. I have all this money in investments, readily available, liquid and accessible," he said. "You know: You're house rich. I'm investment rich."

It's true that when a crisis hits and you lose your job, you'll need cash, and you may not be able to access the equity in your home.

"I just refinanced our house to a 30-year fixed rate at 2.875 percent," Edelman said. "Now, why wouldn't I want to keep that mortgage for as long as I can? I'm going to take the thousands of dollars in savings from the lower payments and throw it into investments."

To Edelman's point, here are some things to consider before paying off your mortgage early.

Do you have high-interest debt? If so, tackle this first before you make extra principle payments on your mortgage.

Do you have an adequate emergency fund? "The problem is that there are some people who have only paid off their mortgage right to the point where they have nothing left," he said. "They have no cash because they've diverted every dollar to getting rid of the loan. And today, they're out of work with no income and no savings or investments, but they have a ton of home equity. Well, that's not putting food on their table."

Edelman's right. But, I'm right, too.

So, don't cripple your cash reserves on a quest to be mortgage-free. But if you can save, invest and get rid of your mortgage when an economic storm hits, you'll be in a better position to ride it out.

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Ask the Fool

Hunting for Dividends

Q With so many stocks having plunged, pushing up dividend yields, is it smart to go hunting for fat dividend yields? — *F.R., Cincinnati*

A In theory, yes. A dividend yield is a simple fraction: It's the amount of a company's annual dividend divided by its current stock price, so as a stock price falls, the yield will rise. And these days, most stocks have fallen — often by quite a lot, and largely not due to anything wrong with the companies involved, but just because the economy is challenged and shrinking.

For example, if the Wicker Sink Co. (ticker: SIEVE) pays out $0.50 per quarter, or $2 per year, and its stock price is $50, its dividend yield would be $2 divided by $50, or 0.04 — which is 4%. If the global pandemic sends its stock price down to $30, its yield will be $2 divided by $30, which is 0.067, or 6.7%. That's a much fatter and more appealing dividend!

But be careful: Remember that if the company is really struggling with the economic pullback, it might be forced to reduce, suspend or even eliminate its dividend. So go ahead and look for fat payouts, but also make sure the company's cash flow is fairly dependable.

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Q Can you recommend some easy-to-read books on how to invest in stocks? — *K.W., Winona, Minnesota*

A Peter Lynch's books are accessible classics for beginners, as are John Bogle's "The Little Book of Common-Sense Investing: The Only Way to Guarantee Your Fair Share of Stock Market Returns" (Wiley, $25) and "The Little Book That Still Beats the Market" by Joel Greenblatt (Wiley, $25). When you're ready, you might read up on brokerages at **TheAscent.com**.

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Don't Try To Time the Market

The stock market has been extra volatile in the past few weeks. On March 16, for example, the S&P 500 plunged a whopping 12% from the close of the previous trading day. Moves like that can send many investors running for the doors — and they can keep those who've already fled from jumping back in.

Investors who jump in or out of the market because they think it's about to rise or fall are engaging in market timing. It's a futile endeavor, though, because no one ever knows just what the stock market will do. On March 17, for example, the market roared upward by 6%, and seven trading days later, it briefly went even higher.

A look further back is instructive, revealing how the market has always (eventually) recovered from big drops — and along the way, not behaving as many might expect it to: In 2008, for example, the S&P 500 swooned by 37%. Those who got out of the market then would have missed out on gains of 26%, 15% and 2%, respectively, in 2009, 2010 and 2011. Whoever sold at the end of 2011, thinking the market was due to retract some, would have missed out on gains of 16%, 32% and 14%, respectively, in 2012, 2013 and 2014.

So how should you handle stock market drops? When buying stocks, only invest dollars you won't need for at least five (if not 10) years, because no one knows how the market will perform on a short-term basis — not you, not your stock-savvy neighbor and not the financial talking heads on TV. Expect occasional downturns, and plan to ride them out. Ideally, you'll have some cash on hand, and you'll be able to snap up some bargains after market crashes. (You can prepare for that by having a ready watch list of stocks you'd like to buy one day, at the right price.)

Keep reading and learning about investing, too, as the savvier you are, the better moves you'll make. And when the market drops, remember that over the long haul, it has always gone up.

My Dumbest Investment

Tricked by an Outlier

My dumbest investment happened when I was young: I tried to dip into penny stocks in order to make a lot of money. I had one huge winner and thought I was invincible, but I learned very quickly that the big win was, in statistics-speak, an outlier. Slow and steady wins the race every time. — *T.P., online*

The Fool Responds: Penny stocks (those trading for less than about $5 per share) have burned many investors — mostly newbies who don't yet realize that what seems too good to be true isn't true: Just because you can buy 1,200 shares of a $0.25 stock with only $300 doesn't mean you'll soon own that many shares of a $10-per-share stock: A $0.25 stock can quickly fall to $0.05 or lower. Just because some stranger on the internet is suggesting that the not-yet-profitable company is on the verge of curing cancer or striking gold, that's not likely to happen.

Your big win was indeed an outlier — a result that stands out because it's different than others. And your lesson to take it slow and steady is right on — wealth is generally built with disciplined investing, dependable investments and patience. There are plenty of healthy, growing, cash-rich, low-debt companies trading for $50, $100 or more per share that will soar in the coming years.

For best results, just avoid penny stocks.

The Motley Fool Take

The Retail King

With the market having crashed recently, it's a great time to go looking for bargains if you have some money to invest. Here's a candidate to consider: Amazon.com (Nasdaq: AMZN). The stock actually recently hit an all-time high, but it often trades at a premium price — and then goes on to hit new highs.

Amazon is more than a huge retailer with more than 110 million Prime members worldwide. Its real long-term growth driver is its cloud-computing business, Amazon Web Services (AWS), which is growing considerably faster than the company's retail operations — with far fatter profit margins, too.

Amazon was in excellent shape when the coronavirus panic started in February — and it's doing well in the COVID-19 era, too: Millions of Americans who are facing government-ordered lockdowns are relying on online orders and home-delivery systems to an unprecedented degree. Amazon responded by hiring another 100,000 workers, and recently announced that it's hiring 75,000 more. It's giving top priority to essential items such as medical supplies, groceries and household staples.

The pandemic experience will get many new customers used to online shopping; an entire generation is being trained to get what they need from e-commerce vendors like Amazon.

Consider buying some shares of Amazon.com, or at least putting it on your watch list. (The Motley Fool owns shares of and has recommended Amazon.com.)

Name That Company

I trace my roots back to the 1806 launch of a starch, soap and candle business in New York City. In 1896, I debuted toothpaste in a collapsible tube. My name is the product of a 1928 merger. Today, with a market value recently topping $62 billion, I'm a consumer products giant with many brands, such as Tom's of Maine, Speed Stick, Softsoap, Irish Spring, Murphy Oil Soap, EltaMD, Ajax, Fabuloso and Hill's Science Diet. I've paid uninterrupted dividends on my common stock since 1895, and have hiked that payout for 57 consecutive years. Who am I?

Think you know the answer? We'll announce it in next week's edition.

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I trace my roots back to 1963, when my founder spent $500,000 on a community-antenna TV system in Tupelo, Mississippi, and created American Cable Systems. (But some of my subsidiaries are far older than that.) By 1988, bearing my current name, I was the fifth-largest cable company in America. Today, with a market value near $173 billion, I'm a U.S. broadband and cable giant, with my businesses encompassing NBCUniversal, Sky, Xfinity, Universal Pictures, Universal Parks and Resorts, and Telemundo. I'm launching the Peacock streaming service later this year, with lots of ad-supported free content, along with subscription options. Who am I? (Answer: Comcast)

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Is your financial adviser really helping you?

Liz Weston

Stock market crashes don't just test investors' mettle. Abrupt downturns also can reveal what kind of financial adviser you have.

Some people will discover, to their horror, that they've been dealing with outright crooks. Ponzi schemes are among the cons that fall apart when markets do, as investors try to pull their money out and discover it's gone.

More commonly, people learn that their advisers didn't put the clients' best interests first. The adviser may have recommended investments that were unsuitably risky or hard to sell, or failed to adequately diversify clients' portfolios.

Even if you dodge the worst, your adviser may not deliver the value you expected. It's reasonable to assume you'll get some degree of hand-holding, reassurance and personal service when you choose a human adviser over less expensive options, such as a robo-adviser or investing on your own. The answers to the following questions could help you decide whether it's time to look for an adviser willing to live up to those expectations.

Have you even heard from your adviser?

Demanding instant responses isn't realistic at a time when advisers, like the rest of us, are grappling with pandemic-wrought changes. They may be working from home, struggling with unfamiliar technologies, trying to keep their pantry filled and home-schooling their kids. Family members may be ill or at risk. Plus, they may be busy responding to clients who are a lot more freaked out than you are, or at least more vocal about it.

Still, by now your adviser should have checked in with you – and mass communications such as email newsletters don't count. If you've called or emailed, you should be getting responses.

"We return emails and calls within 24 hours," says Catherine S. Gearig, a certified financial planner with LifePlan Financial Advisory Group in Rochester Hills, Michigan. "We're reaching out to every client on our roster via telephone to see how they are doing and talking through their concerns."

Is your adviser listening?

Let's say you have heard from your adviser. Was it a pep talk, a lecture or a conversation? Good advisers remind clients of their goals, encourage them to stick with their strategy and reassure them that markets always bounce back eventually. But good advisers also ask plenty of questions and pay attention to the answers.

"This is the time for collaboration and listening to how you feel, how you see yourself being impacted by a recession, or even personal or medical health concerns you have," says Pam Krueger, CEO of Wealthramp, an online service that connects consumers with vetted, independent fiduciary advisers. "It's not about portfolios and investments and mutual funds all the time."

Is your adviser leaning in?

If you've lost your job, you may need to find health insurance, file for unemployment, evaluate a severance package and figure out how to make ends meet – all tasks that a good adviser should help you with, Krueger says. If you're in or near retirement, you need to know how bear markets might affect your future spending and whether to tap other assets, such as home equity. Even if you're decades away from retirement, you may want reassurance that your plan is still on track.

The stimulus package that Congress approved in late March, meanwhile, has a wide range of provisions to help individuals and businesses. Your adviser should be evaluating whether any could help you.

Even if you don't have a pressing financial need, it might be a good time to do a Roth conversion, sell losing stocks to offset gains from winners, rebalance your investments or even speed up your retirement contributions.

CFP Malcolm Ethridge, executive vice president of CIC Wealth in Rockville, Maryland, is encouraging his younger clients whose job prospects are good to boost their 401(k) and IRA contributions now.

"That way, you get those dollars in there while the market is selling at a discount and take full advantage of the buying opportunity," Ethridge says.

Bad markets and trying economic times are an opportunity to see how seriously advisers take their responsibilities to their clients, says CFP Brett A. Koeppel, president of Eudaimonia Wealth in Buffalo, New York.

"Our character is often determined by how we show up at times of adversity," Koeppel says. "Now is the time to lean into it, and step up for the families that count on us to do so."

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Money&Markets Extra

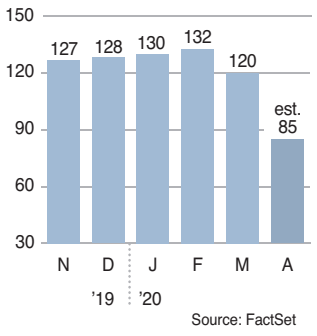
The Week Ahead

Lost confidence

The Conference Board issues its U.S. consumer confidence index for April Tuesday.

March's reading tumbled to 120, its lowest level in nearly three years, as the economic fallout from the coronavirus spread, triggering a steep skid in global stock markets and fueling worries about the damage the outbreak could cause. Economists expect that April's consumer confidence reading plunged to 85. A reading below 90 reflects an economy that is contracting.

Consumer confidence
monthly



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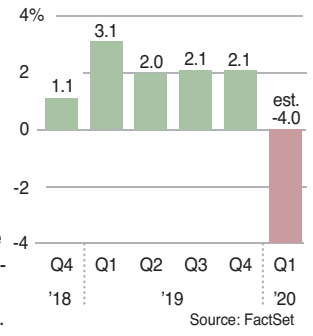
Route to recession?

The Commerce Department delivers its preliminary estimate of first-quarter economic growth Wednesday.

Economists project that the U.S. economy contracted at a 4% seasonally adjusted annual rate in the first three month of this year. That would be down from a moderate 2.1% gain in the fourth quarter of last year. Many economists believe the country will endure a sharp contraction from business shutdowns put in place to fight the coronavirus.

GDP
seasonally adjusted annual rate



Source: FactSet

Coronovirus windfall

Wall Street expects that Amazon.com got a big boost from all the online shopping consumers are doing due to the coronavirus.

Analysts predict the e-commerce giant's revenue surged more than 20% in the first quarter from a year earlier. Even so, Amazon is expected to report Thursday that its earnings declined in the same period. Amazon has spent heavily to ramp up capacity to meet soaring demand from consumers avoiding stores to minimize exposure to the virus.

Amer Elec Power AEP
$83.23 **-3.15 -3.6%**
▼ **4-wk.** -.2% ▼ **YTD** -11.9%

Ford Motor F
$4.87 **-.25 -4.9%**
▼ **4-wk.** -6.2% ▼ **YTD** -47.6%

Whirlpool WHR
$104.58 **-.75 -.7%**
▲ **4-wk.** +24.1% ▼ **YTD** -29.1%

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Amer Elec Power	AEP	65.14	104.97	**83.23**	**-3.15**	-3.6	▼	▼	-11.9	5.8	21	3.4
Apple Inc	AAPL	170.27	327.85	**282.97**	**0.17**	0.1	▲	▼	-3.6	36.5	26	1.1
AutoZone Inc	AZO	684.91	1274.41	**1047.04**	**55.24**	5.6	▲	▼	-12.1	-3.4	19	...
BP PLC	BP	15.51	44.00	**23.39**	**-0.04**	-0.2	▲	▼	-38.0	-42.7	7	10.5
CMS Engy	CMS	46.03	69.12	**59.40**	**-3.77**	-6.0	▲	▼	-5.5	14.9	36	2.7
CocaCola Co	KO	36.27	60.07	**45.43**	**-2.63**	-5.5	▲	▼	-17.9	-0.2	28	3.6
Comcast Corp A	CMCSA	31.71	47.74	**37.16**	**-0.92**	-2.4	▲	▼	-17.4	-12.9	18	2.5
Deere Co	DE	106.14	180.48	**138.63**	**0.17**	0.1	▲	▼	-20.0	-17.7	14	2.2
Disney	DIS	79.07	153.41	**101.19**	**-5.44**	-5.1	▲	▼	-30.0	-22.0	14	1.7
Dollar Tree Stores	DLTR	60.20	119.71	**74.54**	**-7.19**	-8.8	▼	▼	-20.7	-28.6	10	...
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	30.11	80.53	**43.73**	**0.51**	1.2	▲	▼	-37.3	-45.0	10	8.0
Fifth Third Bcp	FITB	11.10	31.64	**17.12**	**0.49**	2.9	▼	▼	-44.3	-36.5	6	6.3
1st Source Corp	SRCE	26.07	53.42	**31.85**	**-0.80**	-2.5	▲	▼	-38.6	-28.2	9	3.5
Ford Motor	F	3.96	10.56	**4.87**	**-0.25**	-4.9	▼	▼	-47.6	-43.5	4	...
Gen Electric	GE	5.90	13.26	**6.26**	**-0.58**	-8.5	▼	▼	-43.9	-30.6	...	0.6
Home Depot	HD	140.63	247.12	**212.18**	**2.76**	1.3	▲	▼	-2.8	2.4	21	2.8
Horizon Bcp IN	HBNC	7.42	19.48	**10.24**	**0.19**	1.9	▲	▼	-45.8	-37.0	5	4.7
Huntgtn Bancshs	HBAN	6.82	15.63	**8.16**	**0.10**	1.2	▼	▼	-45.9	-36.7	8	7.4
IDEX Corp	IEX	104.56	178.14	**152.72**	**-0.01**	0.0	▲	▼	-11.2	0.0	34	1.3
IBM	IBM	90.56	158.75	**124.72**	**4.60**	3.8	▲	▼	-7.0	-9.4	13	5.2
JPMorgan Chase	JPM	76.91	141.10	**90.71**	**-4.47**	-4.7	▼	▼	-34.9	-18.3	9	3.5
Johnson & Johnson	JNJ	109.16	157.00	**154.86**	**2.84**	1.9	▲	▲	6.2	13.8	26	2.6
Lowes Cos	LOW	60.00	126.73	**98.75**	**2.20**	2.3	▲	▼	-17.5	-13.9	22	2.2
McDonalds Corp	MCD	124.23	221.93	**184.02**	**-2.08**	-1.1	▲	▼	-6.9	-1.4	28	2.7
Microsoft Corp	MSFT	119.01	190.70	**174.55**	**-4.05**	-2.3	▲	▲	10.7	41.8	34	1.2
Miller Herman	MLHR	14.39	49.88	**19.81**	**-0.48**	-2.3	▼	▼	-52.4	-48.8	9	4.2
Penney JC Co Inc	JCP	0.20	1.37	**.24**	**-0.04**	-12.5	▼	▼	-78.2	-80.8	...	...
Perrigo Co plc	PRGO	40.01	63.86	**51.43**	**-0.44**	-0.8	▲	▼	-0.4	3.1	25	1.7
Pfizer Inc	PFE	27.88	44.56	**37.38**	**0.47**	1.3	▲	▼	-4.6	-3.3	15	4.1
Procter & Gamble	PG	94.34	128.09	**118.78**	**-5.12**	-4.1	▲	▼	-4.9	14.7	27	2.7
Republic Svcs	RSG	65.37	100.91	**76.10**	**-4.18**	-5.2	▲	▼	-15.1	0.7	35	2.1
Steelcase Inc	SCS	7.02	23.02	**9.56**	**-0.07**	-0.7	▼	▼	-53.3	-41.1	8	6.1
Stryker Corp	SYK	124.54	226.30	**188.12**	**-1.39**	-0.7	▲	▼	-10.4	1.1	32	1.2
TCF Financial Corp	TCF	16.96	47.46	**23.63**	**-1.17**	-4.7	▼	▼	-49.5	-45.0	7	5.9
Target Corp	TGT	70.03	130.24	**107.82**	**-5.60**	-4.9	▲	▼	-15.9	33.5	18	2.4
Tractor Supply	TSCO	63.89	114.25	**101.98**	**9.26**	10.0	▲	▲	9.1	-4.7	27	1.4
UPS class B	UPS	82.00	125.31	**100.18**	**-2.57**	-2.5	▲	▼	-14.4	-10.7	17	4.0
Verizon Comm	VZ	48.84	62.22	**57.93**	**-0.53**	-0.9	▲	▼	-5.7	3.5	15	4.2
WEC Energy Group	WEC	68.01	109.53	**93.77**	**-6.57**	-6.5	▲	▼	1.7	29.4	30	2.7
WalMart Strs	WMT	98.85	133.38	**129.44**	**-2.68**	-2.0	▲	▲	8.9	30.6	74	1.7
Walgreen Boots Alli	WBA	39.41	64.50	**43.74**	**-0.76**	-1.7	▼	▼	-25.8	-16.6	8	4.2
Wendys Co	WEN	6.82	24.04	**18.91**	**0.51**	2.7	▲	▼	-14.9	0.2	21	2.5
Whirlpool	WHR	64.00	163.64	**104.58**	**-0.75**	-0.7	▲	▼	-29.1	-25.3	...	4.6
Worthington Inds	WOR	19.28	44.69	**23.55**	**-1.11**	-4.5	▼	▼	-44.2	-40.7	9	4.1
XPO Logistics Inc	XPO	38.47	100.18	**66.00**	**7.04**	11.9	▲	▼	-17.2	-9.4	26	...

Notes on data: Price-earnings ratio unavailable for closed-end funds and companies with net losses over prior four quarters.

StoryStocks

In a manic week full of previously unthinkable market moves, Wall Street ended Friday with one reminiscent of what things were like before the coronavirus outbreak upended everything. The S&P 500 glided to a gain, with Apple, Microsoft and other technology stocks leading the way, as they did so many times before economies shut down worldwide in hopes of slowing the spread of the outbreak. The bond market was quiet, while crude prices climbed.

Intel INTC

Close: **$59.26 ▲0.22 or 0.4%**
The world's largest chipmaker gave investors a weak second-quarter profit forecast and no forecast for the rest of the year.

Vol.: **50.1m (1.6x avg.)** PE: **11.5**
Mkt. Cap: **$253.7 b** Yield: **2.2%**

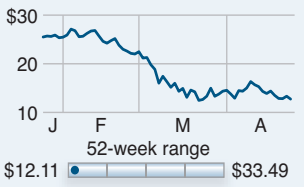
Edwards Lifesciences EW

Close: **$223.48 ▲2.44 or 1.1%**
The medical device maker beat Wall Street's first-quarter profit and revenue forecasts.

Vol.: **1.8m (1.0x avg.)** PE: **42.8**
Mkt. Cap: **$46.7 b** Yield: **...**

Terex TEX

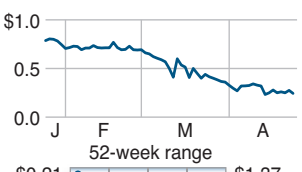
Close: **$12.74 ▼-0.59 or -4.4%**
The maker of construction cranes and industrial machines suspended its quarterly dividend and said it will cut costs.



Vol.: **2.3m (2.1x avg.)** PE: **17.2**
Mkt. Cap: **$884.4 m** Yield: **3.8%**

J.C. Penney JCP

Close: **$0.24 ▼-0.03 or -11.3%**
The department store chain is in advanced talks for bankruptcy funding, according to the Wall Street Journal.



Vol.: **22.7m (2.4x avg.)** PE: **...**
Mkt. Cap: **$78.3 m** Yield: **...**
SOURCE: FIS

Hertz Global Holdings HTZ

Close: **$3.71 ▼-0.24 or -6.1%**
The car rental company is working with debt-restructuring advisers as demand plunges, according to media reports.

Vol.: **44.7m (4.8x avg.)** PE: **...**
Mkt. Cap: **$527.1 m** Yield: **...**

Continental Resources CLR

Close: **$12.59 ▼-0.64 or -4.8%**
The energy company halted most of its oil production in North Dakota, according to media reports.

Vol.: **6.0m (0.8x avg.)** PE: **6.0**
Mkt. Cap: **$4.7 b** Yield: **1.6%**
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Company Spotlight

WWE pins COVID-19

World Wrestling Entertainment shares had their best day in almost two years after easily beating Wall Street's first-quarter forecasts. CEO Vince McMahon said COVID-19 has had a limited financial impact on the Connecticut company.

Despite having no live audience, WWE's WrestleMania earlier this month had more than 967 million video views online, up 20% from last year. WWE revenues increased 60% to $291 million and its operating income was $53.3 million compared to a $6.8 million loss in 2019's first quarter.

McMahon said WWE would continue adapting to the challenges coronavirus poses to its business.

"So there's a lot of factors going into what the new normal is going to be," McMahon said. "But our growth prospects remain strong all the way across the board."

WWE shares gained more than 14.6% to close at $44.79 Friday.

World Wrestling Ent. (WWE) Friday's close: **$44.79, +5.72**

52-WEEK RANGE $29 – $100

Price-earnings ratio: **35** (Based on past 12-month results)

Total return	1-yr	3-yrs*	5-yrs*
WWE	-54.1%	29.8	27.5

Div. yield: 1.1% **Dividend:** $0.48

AP *annualized Source: FactSet

MutualFunds

FUND	NAV	WK CHG	12-MO %RTN
AB			
DiversMunicipal	14.13	-.16	+0.6
GlbBdAdv	8.38	+.03	+3.2
LgCpGrAdv	62.10	-.31	+10.7
AMG			
Yacktmanl	16.98	-.42	-10.9
Akre			
FocInstl d	43.95	-.54	+5.9
FocRetail m	42.82	-.52	+5.7
American Century			
EqIncl	7.74	-.07	-6.0
EqIncInv	7.73	-.06	-6.1
GrInv	34.49	-.16	+8.6
UltraInv	50.92	-.18	+8.0
American Funds			
AMCpA m	30.71	-.11	-0.3
AmrcnBalA m	26.69	-.21	+2.2
AmrcnHiIncA m	8.80	-.21	-8.4
AmrcnMutA m	38.04	-.57	-3.4
BdfAmrcA m	13.77	...	+11.3
CptWldGrIncA m	44.12	-.73	-7.4
CptlIncBldrA m	54.95	-.89	-5.8
CptlWldBdA m	19.78	-.06	+3.6
EuroPacGrA m	45.58	-.52	-10.4
FdmtlInvsA m	53.22	-.57	-5.0
GlbBalA m	30.77	-.34	-3.5
GrfAmrcA m	48.49	-.13	+3.5
HiIncMuniBdA m	15.10	-.22	-2.3
IncAmrcA m	20.20	-.35	-4.8
IntlGrIncA m	27.60	-.59	-14.5
IntrmBdfAmrA m	13.96	-.01	+7.2
InvCAmrcA m	34.82	-.34	-3.9
NewWldA m	58.25	-.69	-9.3
NwPrspctvA m	42.06	-.43	-1.3
STBdAmrcA m	10.11	-.01	+4.0
SmCpWldA m	50.19	+.24	-5.5
TheNewEcoA m	41.83	-.03	-1.6
TxExBdA m	12.93	-.19	+1.9
USGovtSecA m	14.90	+.02	+12.2
WAMtInvsA m	40.96	-.68	-5.4
Angel Oak			
MltStratIncIns	9.81	+.09	-7.0
Artisan			
IntlInstl	27.47	-.62	-6.9
IntlValueInstl	27.46	-.60	-19.1
Baird			
AggrgateBdInstl	11.60	+.03	+10.3
CorPlusBdInstl	11.82	+.02	+9.2
IntermBdInstl	11.55	+.01	+7.5
ShrtTrmBdInstl	9.81	+.01	+3.9
Bernstein			
IntermDur	13.62	+.03	+7.4
BlackRock			
EqDivInstl	16.49	-.52	-9.4
EqDivInvA m	16.43	-.52	-9.6
GlbAllcInclnstl	17.88	-.20	-0.2
GlbAllcInclnvA m	17.75	-.20	-0.4
HYBdInstl	6.83	-.17	-4.7
HYBdK	6.84	-.16	-4.5
LowDurBdInstl	9.43	-.02	+1.3
NtnlMnInstl	10.66	-.13	+0.1
NtnlMnInvA m	10.66	-.14	-0.2
StrIncOpIns	9.52	-.01	+0.6
StratMuOpIns	10.65	-.15	-6.1
TtlRetInstl	12.09	+.02	+8.8
Calamos			
MktNetrlIncIns	13.06	-.01	+1.5
Causeway			
IntlValInstl	11.00	-.15	-25.0
ClearBridge			
AggresivGrA m	153.98	-2.20	-5.6
ApprecA m	22.98	-.32	-1.7
LgCpGrl	51.30	-.41	+2.3
Cohen & Steers			
PrfrdScInc,Incl	13.01	-.06	+0.6
Columbia			
DivIncIns	21.15	-.41	-3.2
SlgCmsInfoA m	70.99	-.67	+3.6
DFA			
EMktCorEql	16.53	-.28	-19.9
EMktSCInstl	15.56	-.15	-22.5
EmMktsInstl	22.49	-.40	-18.6
EmMktsValInstl	20.78	-.28	-26.8
FvYrGlbFIIns	10.79	+.01	+2.7
GlbAllc6040Ins	16.72	-.09	-5.4
GlbEqInstl	19.79	-.21	-13.0
GlbRlEsttSec	8.93	-.38	-16.2
InflProtSecIns	12.60	+.16	+9.5
IntlCorEqIns	10.46	-.06	-18.2
IntlRlEsttScIns	3.41	-.12	-24.1
IntlSmCoInstl	14.07	+.06	-18.1
IntlSmCpValIns	13.66	+.15	-23.6
IntlValInstl	12.26	-.16	-28.2
ItmGovtFIIns	13.89	+.04	+14.7
LgCpIntlInstl	18.58	-.17	-14.8
OneYearFIInstl	10.31	...	+2.0
RlEsttSecInstl	32.65	-1.52	-11.5
ShTrmExQtyl	10.79	+.01	+2.4
TAUSCorEq2Instl	16.30	-.16	-11.0
TMdUSEq	30.10	-.33	-3.2
TMdUSMktwdVl	24.27	-.37	-17.2
TwYrGlbFIIns	9.96	+.01	+2.3
USCorEq1Instl	21.32	-.21	-9.1
USCorEqIIInstl	19.13	-.18	-11.1
USLgCo	21.76	-.29	-1.2
USLgCpValInstl	28.43	-.45	-18.7
USMicroCpInstl	14.80	-.06	-28.7
USSmCpInstl	24.83	-.15	-26.2
USSmCpValInstl	22.03	-.17	-35.0
USTrgtedValIns	14.85	-.10	-33.7
Davis			
NYVentureA m	23.55	-.07	-13.5
Delaware Inv			
ValInstl	17.79	-.36	-13.8
Dodge & Cox			
Bal	84.36	-.28	-8.4
GlbStk	9.29	-.10	-20.4
Inc	14.19	-.01	+7.6
IntlStk	30.75	-.53	-23.4
Stk	146.95	-.71	-15.6
DoubleLine			
CorFII	10.83	+.01	+3.5
LowDurBdI	9.59	+.02	-1.2
TtlRetBdI	10.53	+.03	+3.9
TtlRetBdN b	10.52	+.03	+3.6
Eaton Vance			
AtlntCptSMIDCI	29.15	-.49	-14.1
FltngRtInstl	7.97	-.07	-6.7
Edgewood			
GrInstl	38.04	+.02	+10.3
FPA			
Crescent d	27.79	-.30	-14.4
NewInc	9.87	...	+1.9
Federated			
InsHYBdIns	8.85	-.22	-4.3
KaufmannR m	5.91	+.14	+8.7
StratValDivIns	4.55	-.10	-12.8
TtlRetBdInstl	11.25	...	+8.5
Fidelity			
500IdxInsPrm	98.40	-1.30	-1.2
AsstMgr20%	13.25	-.01	+2.8
AsstMgr50%	17.27	-.06	+0.3
AsstMgr70%	20.33	-.09	-2.3
BCGrowth	105.38	+.42	+7.1
BCGrowth	14.67	+.09	+6.8
BCGrowthK	105.65	+.42	+7.2
Balanced	22.70	-.09	+1.4
BalancedK	22.70	-.09	+1.5
Cap&Inc	8.74	-.16	-8.7
CmdtyStrat	3.56	-.11	-24.7
Contrafund	13.15	+.01	+5.9
ContrafundK	13.16	...	+5.9
CptlApprec	31.14	-.24	+2.2
DivGro	23.05	-.47	-17.0
DiversIntl	34.57	-.31	-3.2
EmergMketsOpps	16.41	-.35	-11.4
EqDividendInc	20.14	-.26	-12.1
EqIncome	50.14	-.83	-7.0
ExMktIdxInPr	50.28	-.10	-15.9
Fidelity	48.64	-.45	+9.6
FltngRtHiInc	8.42	-.09	-7.5
FourinOneIdx	42.73	-.41	-4.1
Frdm 2015	11.98	-.05	-0.2
Frdm 2020	14.83	-.07	-1.3
Frdm 2025	12.93	-.07	-2.2
Frdm 2030	15.78	-.10	-3.6
Frdm 2035	12.95	-.10	-6.0
Frdm 2040	8.94	-.07	-7.4
Frdm 2045	10.16	-.08	-7.3
Frdm 2050	10.23	-.08	-7.4
GNMA	11.75	+.02	+6.1
GlbexUSIdxInsPr	10.65	-.15	-14.3
GlobalexUSIdx	10.48	-.15	-14.3
GroCo	21.90	+.25	+15.3
GroCo	18.35	+.23	+17.2
GroCoK	21.94	+.25	+15.4
Growth&Inc	34.27	-.46	-9.0
HighIncome	7.87	-.19	-6.1
IntlDiscv	38.11	-.32	-6.4
IntlGr	15.29	-.24	+0.3
IntlIdxInstlPrm	34.18	-.47	-13.6
IntlVal	7.27	-.11	-20.9
IntrmMuniInc	10.36	-.13	+1.9
InvmGradeBd	11.83	+.02	+9.1
InvmGradeBd	8.48	...	+10.4
LowPrStk	38.99	-.07	-13.0
LowPrStkK	38.96	-.06	-12.9
Magellan	9.74	-.09	+6.2
MichiganMuniInc	12.29	-.18	+3.5
MidCapStock	27.44	-.27	-16.5
MuniInc	12.79	-.21	+1.1
NasdCmpIdx	108.57	-.21	+7.5
OTCPortfolio	12.42	+.03	+9.1
OTCPortfolioK	12.63	+.03	+9.2
Overseas	43.50	-.48	-5.8
Puritan	21.67	-.08	+3.7
PuritanK	21.65	-.08	+3.8
ShTrmBd	8.74	...	+3.7
SmCpOpps	10.78	-.05	-16.5
StkSelorAllCp	42.21	-.19	-1.8
TaxFreeBond	11.38	-.20	+1.3
TotalBond	11.05	...	+7.8
TtlMktIdxInsPrm	78.38	-.90	-3.6
USBdIdxInsPrm	12.47	+.03	+11.4
Value	7.50	-.03	-26.9
Fidelity Advisor			
NewInsA m	29.01	-.07	-0.9
NewInsI	29.78	-.08	-0.7
StgInc	11.60	-.12	-1.5
StgIncI	11.61	-.11	-1.6
TotalBondI	11.03	-.01	+7.7
Fidelity Select			
Biotechnology	21.09	+.66	+19.8
HealthCare	28.28	+.52	+28.4
MedTech&Devcs	57.62	+.39	+18.6
Swre&ITSvcs	19.07	-.11	+11.9
Technology	18.79	-.03	+15.8
First Eagle			
GlbA m	50.21	-.12	-6.6
Franklin Templeton			
CATxFrIncA1 m	7.40	-.08	+2.8
DynaTechA m	90.26	+.06	+9.4
FdrTFIncA1 m	11.69	-.17	+2.3
GlbBdA m	10.03	-.05	-7.6
GlbBdAdv	9.99	-.04	-7.4
GlbBdR6	9.99	-.04	-7.2
Gr,IncA m	18.35	-.17	-14.7
GrA m	103.78	-.67	+2.5
HYTxFrIncA1 m	9.61	-.10	-0.5
IncA1 m	2.01	-.03	-9.4
IncAdv	1.99	-.03	-9.4
IncC m	2.04	-.03	-9.8
MutGlbDiscvA m	22.34	-.45	-21.1
MutZ	20.69	-.35	-19.7
RisingDivsA m	60.50	-.70	-3.3
TtlRetA m	9.60	-.02	+3.1
GE			
RSPUSEq	52.16	-.44	+2.6
Harbor			
CptlApprecInstl	74.84	-.25	+8.6
Harding Loevner			
IntlEqInstl	19.73	-.39	-9.9
Hartford			
BalIncI	13.87	-.11	+2.1
CptlApprecA m	31.68	-.80	-7.4
MidCpI	26.50	...	-10.6
INVESCO			
ComStkA m	18.09	-.16	-21.7
CptlAprcA m	52.42	...	+5.7
DevMktsA m	36.68	-1.09	-15.1
DevMktsY	36.14	-1.07	-14.9
DiversDivA m	16.51	-.31	-11.1
EqandIncA m	8.70	-.06	-9.7
GlbA m	80.72	-.99	-8.6
HYMnA m	7.20	-.13	-1.0
HYMuniA m	9.26	-.15	-4.0
IntlGrY	37.59	-.32	-5.8
MnStrA m	42.58	-.50	-1.8
MnsA m	15.87	-.27	+1.6
Ivy			
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Berrien businesses helping out during pandemic

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

Southwest Michigan businesses have been stepping up big time for the public in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Two manufacturers, Edgewater Automation and Eagle Technologies, have teamed up to make a quality face shield for first responders in Berrien County.

The two companies also used their existing supply chain contacts to assist the Berrien County Emergency Operations Center in getting vital products such as no-touch thermometers and TYVEK gowns.

"During these uncharted times for our country it is extremely critical that technology driven companies with the ability to innovate, automate and provide resources come together as one in support of their local emergency agencies," said Tim Tate, managing director of Edgewater Automation. "Together, as partners with the Bridgman Public Schools and Eagle Technologies, Edgewater Automation is incredibly grateful to share our resources with our local emergency agencies to help produce this much needed PPE for their teams."

Bridgman Schools Superintendent Shane Peters played an important role in getting the two companies together for the collaborative effort.

"Eagle is grateful for the opportunity to partner with Edgewater and help our local authorities and community in these unfortunate times," said Brandon Fuller, chief operating officer of Eagle Technologies. "It's heartening that we can use our existing supply chain and in-house technology to help."

Edgewater Automation tasked its workers to use 3-D printer technology to join the rest of the country in the effort to help with the shortage of personal protective equipment for emergency workers.

The Emergency Operations Center also received masks from Gordon Food Service and Whirlpool Corp., face shields from Lake Michigan College and hand sanitizer from Journeyman Distillery.

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The autonomous REV robot – made by Rafraction AI in Ann Arbor – has seen food deliveries quadruple since the COVID-19 crisis began.

Robots on the rise in COVID-19 economy

By HENRY PAYNE
The Detroit News

ANN ARBOR — The streets are empty of cars in Ann Arbor, but robot traffic is up.

Refraction AI's robot restaurant food delivery service has seen demand increase by four times since the COVID-19 crisis shut down Michigan last month, and the company's engineers are working furiously to expand the company's small fleet of three-wheeled REV 'bots.

Refraction is part of a surge in robot activity as the U.S. economy struggles to get back on track while maintaining self-distancing and exposing as few workers as possible in the workplace.

The virus is accelerating robotics trends – from auto plant assembly lines to grocery store cleaning robots to security patrols – and that is likely to have enormous implications for the jobs of the not-so-distant future.

"This moment is a call to arms for robotics makers to really bring their technology to market that helps people. Particularly now in a time when there are so few options for doing tasks that we don't want to put people at risk for," said Refraction AI CEO Matthew Johnson-Roberson, an associate professor of engineering at the University of Michigan with 20 years of experience in the robotics field.

Refraction autonomous REVs (Refraction Electric Vehicles) began restaurant food deliveries at the first of the year from four restaurants to a small group of beta customers within a 2-mile radius in downtown Ann Arbor.

With the state's closure of in-restaurant dining and subsequent shelter-in-place order, Refraction's customer list has ballooned to 400, taxing the startup's five robots which have been hustling to and fro along the edges of abandoned city streets.

"A bunch of new restaurants have said we have to have delivery now. The big limiting factor is the number of robots we have," said Johnson-Roberson, 36. "We've been working to expand to groceries, which is the more important need of the moment than takeout food."

Johnson-Roberson says the shutdown has accelerated customers' acceptance of robots as fear of COVID-19 has drawn them to technologies – think of the Zoom chat revolution – that they were unaware of before.

"It really changes consumer behavior across the board," he said. "A lot of what we're getting help with here is people getting comfortable with robots."

That comfort has been reinforced with strict safety guidelines to mitigate virus spread. The robots are wiped down between every delivery; upon food delivery, customers can open the 5-foot tall robot's door by phone instead of keypad; and the company has installed UV lights – a coronavirus killer – in the interior to disinfect the compartment and food.

With the added demand, the 15-person autonomous startup is looking to hire in these job-lean times. Some of its new employees come from the hard-hit restaurant industry.

"We've always thought about robotics as to how to improve people's lives. It can do things people don't want to do like bomb disposal robots, nuclear inspection robots," the robotics professor said. "They've figured out a task that's unpleasant for human beings and can do it better."

One of those unpleasant tasks is cleaning grocery aisles after hundreds of patrons have filed through in a typical COVID-19 economy day.

San Diego-based Brain Corp. is the world's largest maker of autonomous navigation software for robotics giants like Minuteman, Tennant and Karcher. Its business has expanded as grocery retailers like Walmart have brought in more cleaning robots.

"As retailers are required to clean more frequently and deliver more cleaning coverage, BrainOS-powered autonomous floor care robots are providing 8,000-plus hours of daily work – over 250,000 hours over the next 30 days – that otherwise would have to be done by an essential worker," a company spokesperson said. "This allows workers to focus on other tasks that are essential during this health crisis."

Walmart is one of Brain Corp's biggest clients and 110 BrainOS-powered robots are in service across Michigan in retail, grocery and education applications.

Security robots are also in demand as companies have abandoned workplaces and employees work from home. For example, autonomous Cobalt Robotics bots are patrolling Metro Detroit businesses.

The U.S. auto industry is not likely to be immediately impacted with more robots in part because it is already heavily automated to reduce costs. Today, humans are scarce in giant assembly plants except at the assembly-line tail – and are therefore spaced safely. Stamping, painting and body welding departments are crowded robot zones.

But with the enormous travel restrictions caused by COVID's spread, industry insiders say the auto supply chain is going to change drastically – and robots will play their part. In pursuit of lower costs, the supply chain in recent decades has expanded to China, Vietnam and elsewhere.

"Now, we see huge risk of the supply chain when something like this happens," said Doug Betts, a manufacturing veteran and president of J.D. Power's auto division. "The management of risk will reel the supply chain back in to the U.S. Labor costs are going to be high and that supply chain is likely to be established here with more robotics than what's used in other markets."

CBO says deficit to reach $3.7T

By ANDREW TAYLOR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A recession caused by the coronavirus pandemic and a government spending spree on testing, health care and aid to businesses and households will nearly quadruple the federal budget deficit to $3.7 trillion, the Congressional Budget Office said Friday.

Among the legacies of the outbreak, a CBO report says, is a pile of trillions of dollars of debt, amassed by a political system that has proved incapable of taking even small steps to constrain this problem.

The 2020 budget deficit will explode after four coronavirus response bills passed by Congress and signed by President Donald Trump promise to pile more than $2 trillion onto the $24.6 trillion national debt in just the remaining six months of the current fiscal year, according to the report.

That's more than double the deficit record set during President Barack Obama's first year in office.

The CBO said lawmakers eventually will be forced to tackle the government's chronic financial woes, if for no other reason than the looming insolvency of Social Security and Medicare.

The report is full of gloomy economic news, predicting a devastating hit to the economy this quarter at an annualized rate of decline of 40 percent, accompanied by a 14 percent unemployment rate.

One lasting worry is the further shrinking of revenues that already were well below historic averages, even as the spending side of the federal ledger climbs due to the retirement costs of the baby boomers to Medicare and Social Security, record Pentagon spending and long-term COVID-19 response costs.

Even Washington's few remaining spending hawks say the flood of red ink should not be a focus in the short term as the government takes unprecedented steps to respond to a shrinking economy, unemployment levels not seen since the Great Depression, and shutdown orders lasting well into next month or beyond.

The advantages of hiring a multigenerational workforce

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When many people think of diversity in the workplace, what often comes to mind first is hiring employees of different race, gender and ethnicity.

You can also achieve a richly diverse workforce by hiring employees from various age groups.

Multigenerational hiring enriches the work environment, providing a wider range of knowledge, skills, creativity, perspectives and work styles.

When you have a broad range of ages represented in your workforce, you get years of experience and maturity along with youthful enthusiasm.

What beneficial traits do the various generations offer?

While generalizations don't hold true for all individuals, some common strengths within each of the categories include:

■ Traditionalists (Born before 1946): These employees hold respect for authority and have a desire to preserve traditions and follow rules. They value teamwork and are task-oriented.

■ Baby Boomers (Born 1946 – 1964): These individuals are often resourceful and disciplined. They typically exhibit a strong work ethic and drive to achieve goals.

■ Generation Xers (Born 1965 – 1976): These self-sufficient workers are usually versatile and receptive to learning new skills. They accept change and have a generally good grasp on using technology.

■ Millennials (Born 1977 – 1995): Employees in this age group are known for bringing a collaborative attitude and strong technology skills to the table. They tend to value openness of communication and candor. Most have a keen interest in advancing in their careers.

■ Gen Edgers (Born after 1995): Also known as Generation Z, these individuals have strong self-reliance instincts. As early adopters, they aren't afraid of trying new approaches for fear of failure. They are adept at using technology and tend to be well-connected and influential socially.

What can your small business gain from hiring inter-generationally?

The diversity in abilities and attitudes among employees of different age groups can create a more dynamic atmosphere within your business environment. With a healthy mix of traditional approaches and innovative thinking, you can strike a successful balance without becoming too stuck in your ways or too far out of the box.

From your sales and customer service efforts to your product/services development and operational processes, having diversity can help you better recognize deficiencies and make improvements to your business by tapping the unique ideas and frames of reference within your team.

A reminder

Remember that in all your hiring efforts, you need to follow all the applicable federal, state and local anti-discrimination and other labor laws. To understand the requirements, consider talking with a human resources consultant and/or an attorney.

A mentor at your local SCORE chapter can assist you in locating trusted resources in your area and provide you with additional guidance and insight about starting and running your small business.

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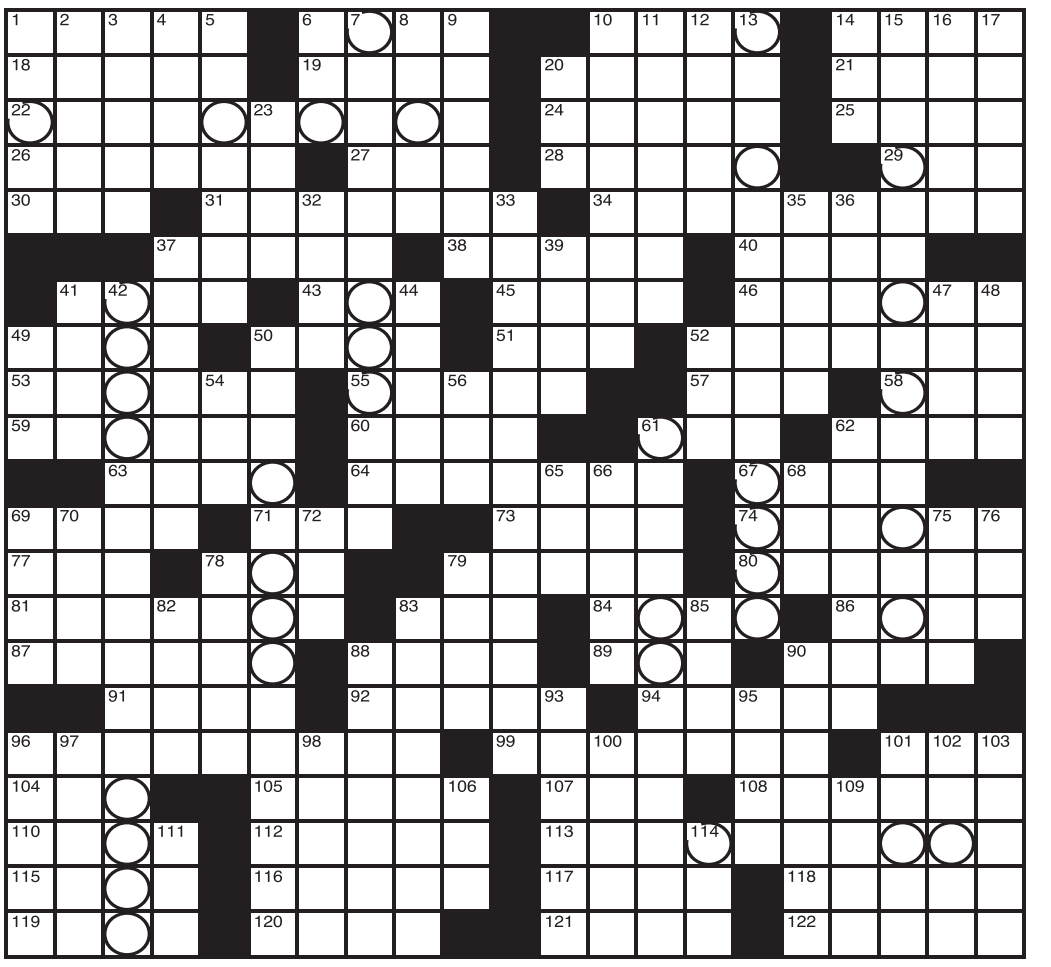

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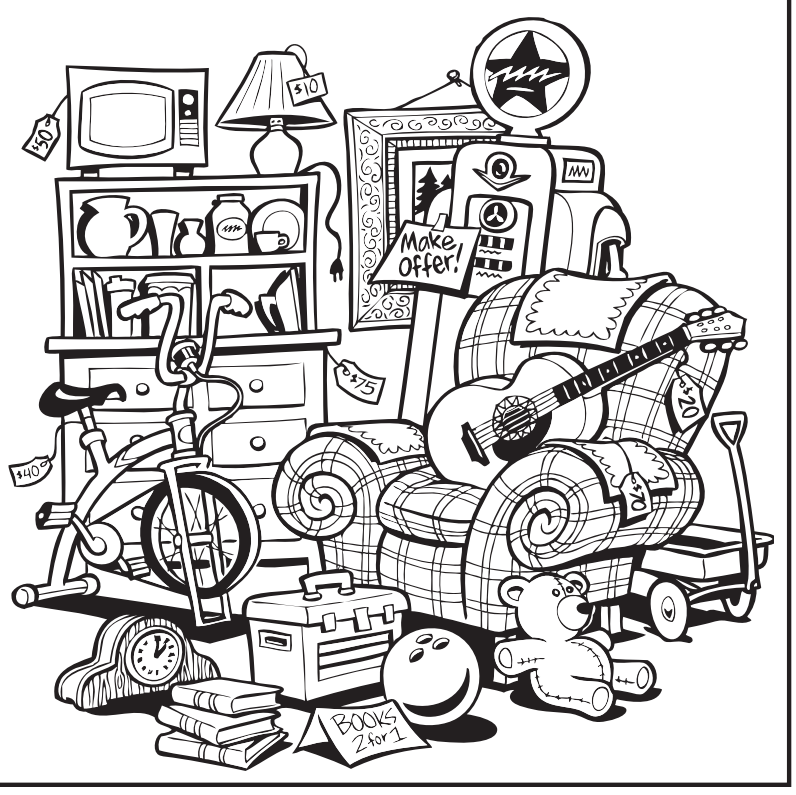

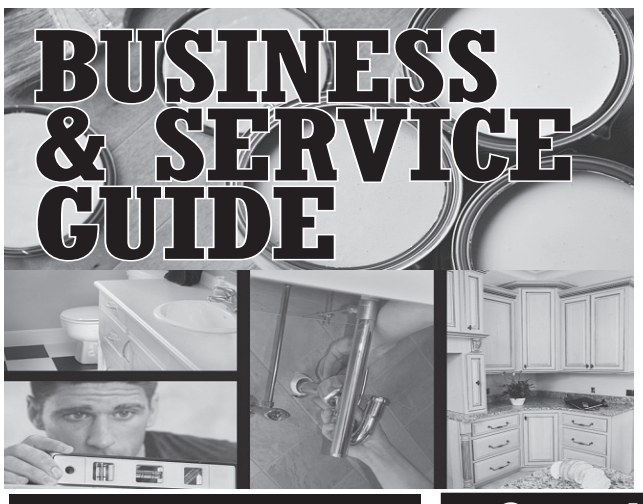

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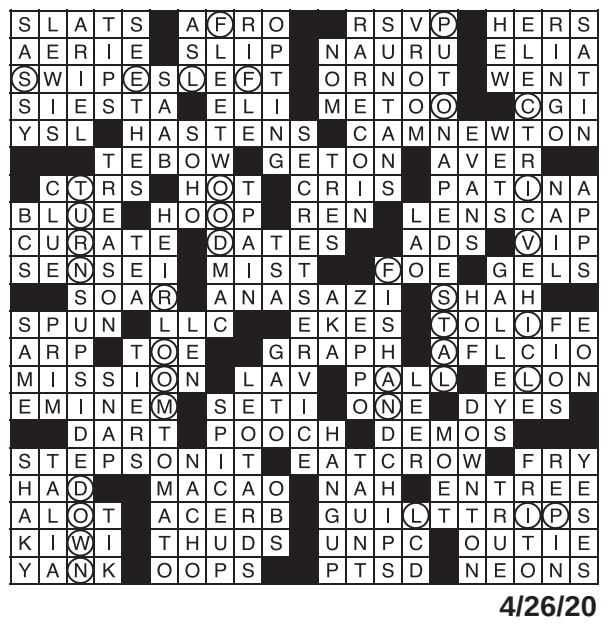

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HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

Use precision and strategy to help you reach your goal. There is plenty to gain if you do things the right way. Don't cut corners or do something on too grand a scale. Inconsistency will hold you back. Stick to reliable methods. Home improvements should include a better workspace.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Keep secrets to avoid breaking someone's trust. Revisit a situation and be honest with yourself about what happened. Don't get upset or angry; learn from your mistakes and move on.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you keep things in perspective, you'll figure out what to do next. Stop talking and start living up to the promises you make. Show discipline when faced with temptation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Organize your time and stick to your schedule. A change may not be welcome, but making it, facing facts and embracing the inevitable will help you ease your stress.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Traveling, attending events and communicating with people who share your sentiments will make your day more enjoyable. Romance is featured, and a positive lifestyle change looks promising.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Practice what you preach. A level-headed attitude will encourage positive change. Keep the past at a distance and learn from your experiences. Surround yourself with people who offer positive support.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Take a step forward. Stop procrastinating and letting others interfere in your business. Be responsible and do things the way you see fit. Expand your mind, philosophy and awareness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Take a breather, rethink your next move and do your best to sidestep opposition, arguments and untrustworthy people. Concentrate on yourself, your talents and being positive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Be straightforward, or you will end up in a difficult situation. Get along with everyone, and avoid being challenged. Nurture the relationships that contribute to your emotional well-being.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may crave change, but taking your time can spare you from making a mistake. Look at every angle, assess your current holdings and consider the long-term effects before making a move.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You can stabilize your life and gain confidence if you are diligent and pay close attention to detail. A romantic gesture will lead to a more intimate relationship with someone special.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your situation is facing changes. Before you make a move, consider what's best for you. Someone will try to intervene if you hesitate. Question motives, honesty and integrity.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Use your charm to get your way. Reconnecting with someone from your past will be revealing and will help you make a decision you've been reluctant to make. Romance is featured.

HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

Aim to gain experience. Travel, learn and try new things. It's time to make a life-altering change that will help you gain confidence and achieve the happiness you deserve. Don't be afraid to be different. Concentrate on worthwhile projects that offer high returns, and aim for success.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A time-out will help put your personal life in perspective. Before you say or do something, you should check the facts. Reassess matters and be willing to compromise.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Focus on improving friendships, sharing information and traveling. A physical challenge or activity will motivate you to take better care of yourself. Romance will enhance your relationship with someone special.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Keep your life simple and your relationships amicable. Don't overdo it or overreact. Balance and equality should be your priorities when dealing with life and those closest to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Refuse to let a sudden turn of events slow you down. Don't worry about what others do. Focus on what's important to you and follow through with your plans.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Take the initiative and try doing things differently. Take something you enjoy doing and add it to your daily routine. Strive for positive change and walk away from emotional turmoil.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A problem at home won't go away unless you discuss matters and take action. A favorable decision will help you get your life back on track. Romance is on the rise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Make a positive lifestyle change. A move or property deal will lead to unexpected benefits. Embrace change with open arms. Channel your energy into achievement, not into arguments.

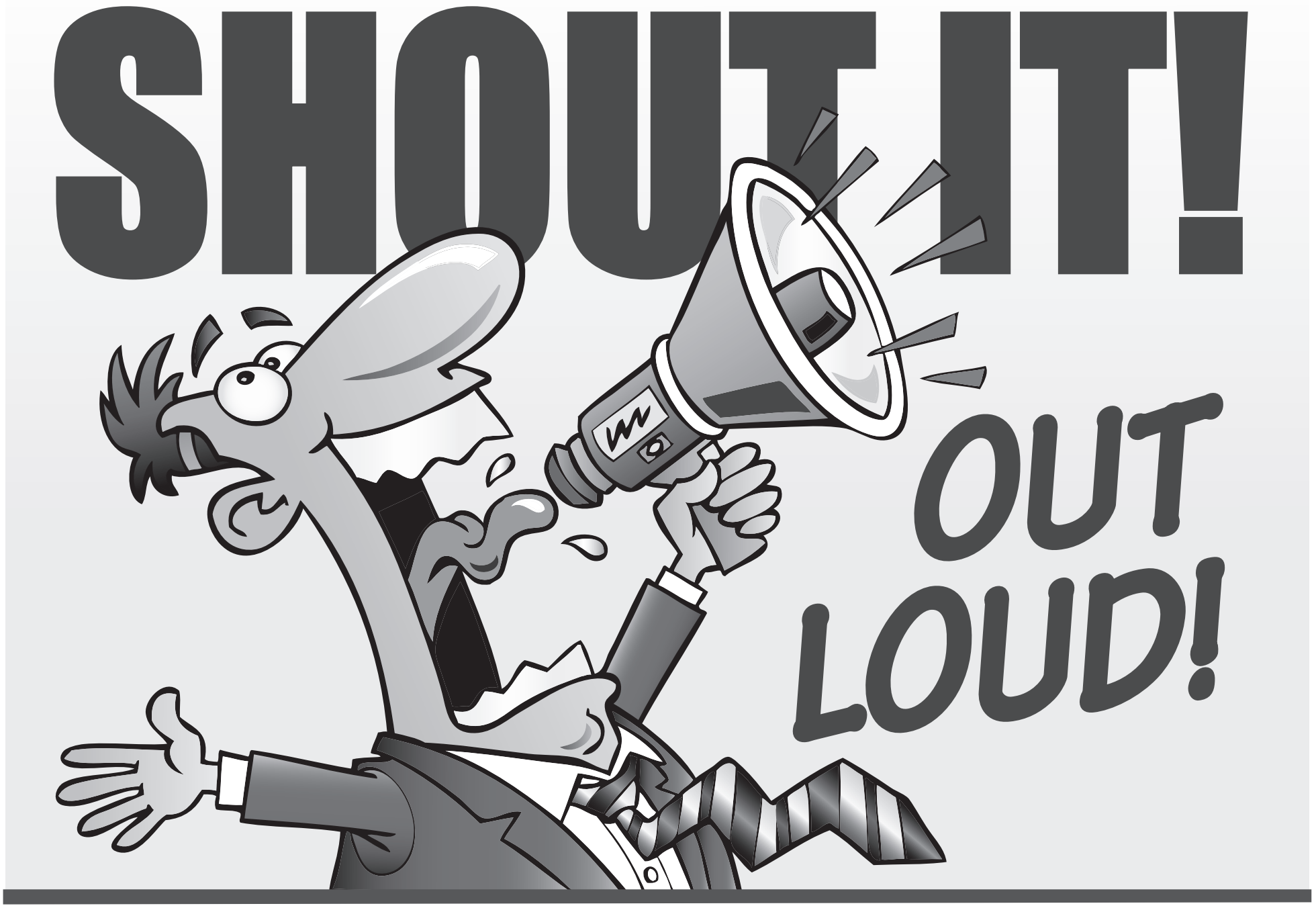
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Be productive and bring about positive adjustments to the way you live and how you spend your time. Love is on the rise. Make plans with someone who brings out the best in you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Gauge your time carefully. Consider what's doable and focus on your target. The changes you bring about will make your life easier and less stressful. A healthier lifestyle will help control medical issues.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Consider your options and make a move that will give you the momentum to reach your personal goals. If you set aside time for a loved one, it will encourage a better relationship.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You'll have to do some fancy footwork to avoid controversial situations. Refuse to get in the middle of someone else's melodrama. Focus on making positive changes and keeping the peace.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Get out and have fun, but do so in moderation. Pay attention to what's important and focus on improving your appearance, skills or relationship with someone special. Romance is encouraged.



IN THE CLASSIFIEDS!

hp HOME & GARDEN

What happens when we stay at home?

Earth turning wilder and cleaner during coronavirus pandemic

By SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

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Jackals eat dog food that was left for them by a woman at Hayarkon Park in Tel Aviv, Israel, earlier this month. With a lockdown against the coronavirus, the sprawling park is practically empty. This has cleared the way for packs of jackals to take over this urban oasis in the heart of the city as they search for food.

An unplanned grand experiment is changing Earth.

As people across the globe stay home to stop the spread of the new coronavirus, the air has cleaned up, albeit temporarily.

Smog stopped choking New Delhi, one of the most polluted cities in the world, and India's getting views of sights not visible in decades.

Nitrogen dioxide pollution in the northeastern United States is down 30 percent. Rome air pollution levels from mid-March to mid-April were down 49 percent from a year ago. Stars seem more visible at night.

People are also noticing animals in places and at times they don't usually.

Coyotes have meandered along downtown Chicago's Michigan Avenue and near San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge. A puma roamed the streets of Santiago, Chile. Goats took over a town in Wales. In India, already daring wildlife has become bolder with hungry monkeys entering homes and opening refrigerators to look for food.

When people stay home, Earth becomes cleaner and wilder.

"It is giving us this quite extraordinary insight into just how much of a mess we humans are making of our beautiful planet," says conservation scientist Stuart Pimm of Duke University. "This is giving us an opportunity to magically see how much better it can be."

Chris Field, director of the Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment, assembled scientists to assess the ecological changes happening with so much of humanity housebound.

Scientists, stuck at home like the rest of us, say they are eager to explore unexpected changes in weeds, insects, weather patterns, noise and light pollution.

Italy's government is working on an ocean expedition to explore sea changes from the lack of people.

"In many ways, we kind of whacked the Earth system with a sledgehammer, and now we see what Earth's response is," Field says.

Researchers are tracking dramatic drops in traditional air pollutants, such as nitrogen dioxide, smog and tiny particles. These types of pollution kill up to 7 million people a year worldwide, according to Health Effects Institute president Dan Greenbaum.

The air from Boston to Washington is its cleanest since a NASA satellite started measuring nitrogen dioxide,in 2005, says NASA atmospheric scientist Barry Lefer. Largely caused by burning of fossil fuels, this pollution is short-lived, so the air gets cleaner quickly.

Compared to the previous five years, March air pollution is down 46 percent in Paris, 35 percent in Bengaluru, India, 38 percent in Sydney, 29 percent in Los Angeles, 26 percent in Rio de Janeiro and 9 percent in Durban, South Africa, NASA measurements show.

"We're getting a glimpse of what might happen if we start switching to non-polluting cars," Lefer says.

Cleaner air has been most noticeable in India and China.

On April 3, residents of Jalandhar, a city in north India's Punjab, woke up to a view not seen for decades: snow-capped Himalayan peaks more than 100 miles away.

Cleaner air means stronger lungs for asthmatics, especially children, says Dr. Mary Prunicki, director of air pollution and health research at the Stanford University School of Medicine. And she notes early studies also link coronavirus severity to people with bad lungs and those in more polluted areas, though it's too early to tell which factor is stronger.

The greenhouse gases that trap heat and cause climate change stay in the atmosphere for 100 years or more, so the pandemic shutdown is unlikely to affect global warming, says Breakthrough Institute climate scientist Zeke Hausfather. Carbon dioxide levels are still rising, but not as fast as last year.

Aerosol pollution, which doesn't stay airborne long, is also dropping. But aerosols cool the planet so NASA climate scientist Gavin Schmidt is investigating whether their falling levels may be warming local temperatures for now.

Stanford's Field says he's most intrigued by increased urban sightings of coyotes, pumas and other wildlife that are becoming video social media staples. Boar-like javelinas congregated outside of a Arizona shopping center. Even New York City birds seem hungrier and bolder.

In Adelaide, Australia, police shared a video of a kangaroo hopping around a mostly empty downtown, and a pack of jackals occupied an urban park in Tel Aviv, Israel.

We're not being invaded. The wildlife has always been there, but many animals are shy, Pimm says. They come out when humans stay home.

For sea turtles across the globe, humans have made it difficult to nest on sandy beaches.

The turtles need to be undisturbed and emerging hatchlings get confused by beachfront lights, says David Godfrey, executive director of the Sea Turtle Conservancy.

But with lights and people away, this year's sea turtle nesting so far seems much better from India to Costa Rica to Florida, Godfrey says.

"There's some silver lining for wildlife in what otherwise is a fairly catastrophic time for humans," he says.

Quarantine house cleaning

What do you do with all those old CDs collecting dust?

By CHRIS RIEMENSCHNEIDER
(Minneapolis) Star Tribune

You can't play them in newer cars. You can't use them with most laptop computers. And unless you own a Sony Discman that somehow still works, and you don't mind getting strange looks in public, you can't go for a walk or run with them nowadays.

It's a conundrum many music fans are facing as they clean house while under coronavirus quarantine: What should I do with these boxes/crates/shelves of old CDs that I haven't listened to in five years or more?

Those old compact discs you loaded up on at $15 a pop are now worth pennies on the Clinton administration dollar, thanks to a double-whammy change in consumers' listening habits.

First, advances in MP3s and now music-streaming services such as Spotify made it possible to carry tens of thousands of albums in the palm of your hand. Conversely, many fans have reverted back to vinyl as their preferred format for "physical" music.

Sales of new CDs have plummeted by about 90 percent over the past decade. Last year saw a particularly sharp decline, with a drop by more than 25 percent from 2018 – about the same increase that streaming numbers saw in the same time frame, now over a trillion per year.

Even those of us who've stuck up for CDs in the past have to admit that the thousands in our basement have grown superfluous. And cumbersome.

Why dig for that Alanis Morissette or House of Pain CD when you can easily find it on your phone?

It's always possible to rip your CDs onto a hard drive to save them in MP3 format before you get rid of them, but that also seems to be an increasingly outdated mode of listening. Here are options for handling them.

Sell them to stores: Surprisingly, many record shops still buy and sell used CDs, as does Half-Price Books.

The Electric Fetus' general manager, Bob Fuchs, said used sales have held strong even while new CDs have tanked, because "they're so cheap now, you can go home with four or five new albums for about $20."

Still, Fuchs acknowledged that his Minneapolis store only pays about 25 cents per disc ("up to $1 for something really good"), and given the datedness of many people's CD collections, the staff is very choosy about the shape they're in.

"They can't look like you've been eating off them for 20 years," he said.

Sell them in bulk online: Linda and Bill Wareham of St. Paul, Minn., recently came up with a rather tedious but ultimately worthwhile solution: After selling some in person at Cheapo Records, they sold more of their CDs in bulk to the website Decluttr.com.

The site, which resells via Amazon, requires you to scan or type in the bar code of each CD, but pays about $1 to $2 per disc (DVDs, too).

"To be honest, I don't feel like I was cheated," Bill Wareham said. "They were out of my house and I was making a little money off them."

If you have a particularly deep and rarefied collection, it's maybe worth seeking out a collector online or going to eBay to try to sell them all in one swoop.

Sell them one by one: If you really have time on your hands and like visiting the post office, you could try selling them yourself via Discogs, Musicstack or eBay, which could amount to a few bucks per CD; the ones that do sell, that is.

Of course, a good ol' garage sale works in this case, too, but even your aunt who goes out "saling" every Saturday has probably turned to streaming her Barbra Streisand albums.

Donate them: Goodwill still sells CDs and DVDs and collects them at its drop-off locations.

Many libraries also take them and will either stock them for checkout or sell them at sales or their used stores.

Recycle them: Aside from the paper-sleeve inserts, plastic CD cases and the discs themselves aren't permitted in conventional curbside recycling, only out-of-the-way "technology recycling" sites.

The website Greendesk.com offers packing and shipping options, but it's pricey (about $15 plus shipping for a 25-pound package).

One free recycling option: Use the shiny discs for arts-and-craft projects, such as mobiles or collages.

Hang onto them: You never know, there could be a resurgence in popularity for CDs in the coming decade or two like there was for vinyl. There's even been a niche market for cassettes among hipster kids in recent years (yeah, go figure!).

Also, given the fight for better royalty payments to artists from Spotify, etc., there could be a time when albums are not as widely available or affordable on streaming sites. But for now all signs point otherwise.

HOUSE OF THE WEEK

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A cute front porch, wood shutters and board-and-batten siding deliver country charm to this design. See more images online at www.ePlans.com/collection/house-of-the-week.

Relaxed country design

This country design feels fresh and sleek with vertical siding, abundant windows and a cute front porch.

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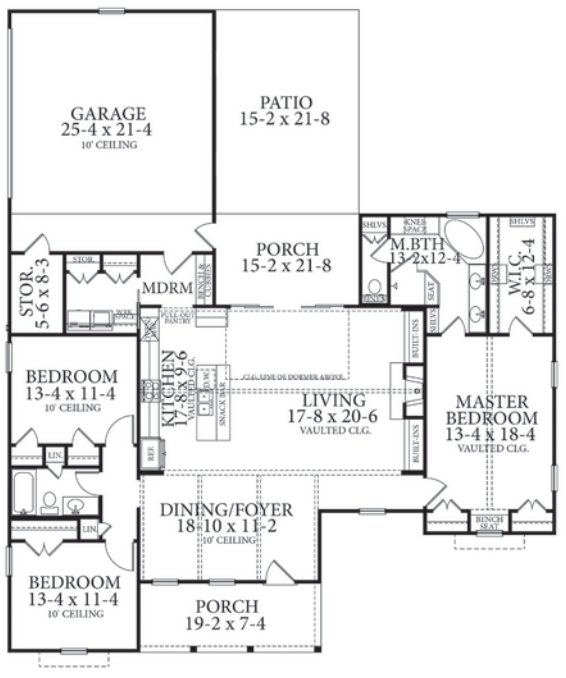

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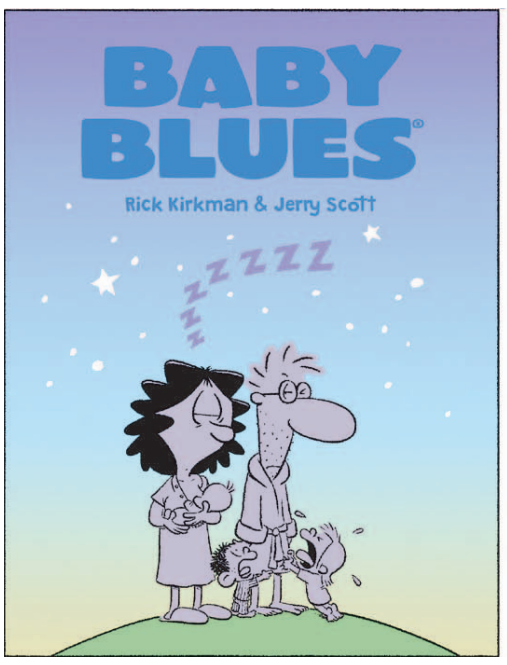

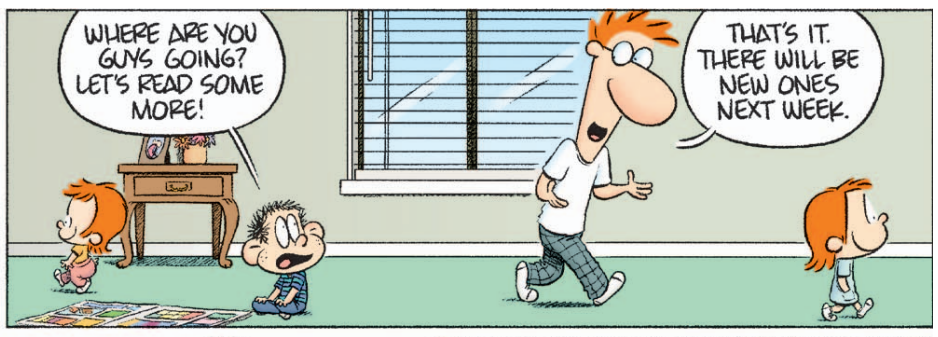

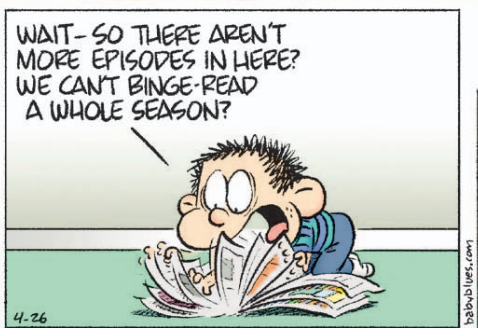

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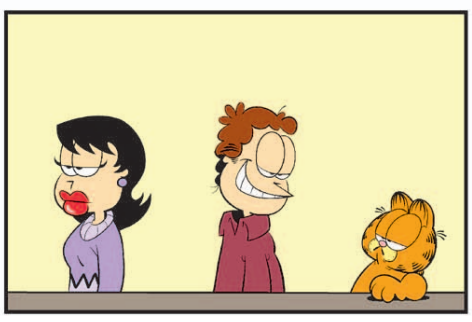

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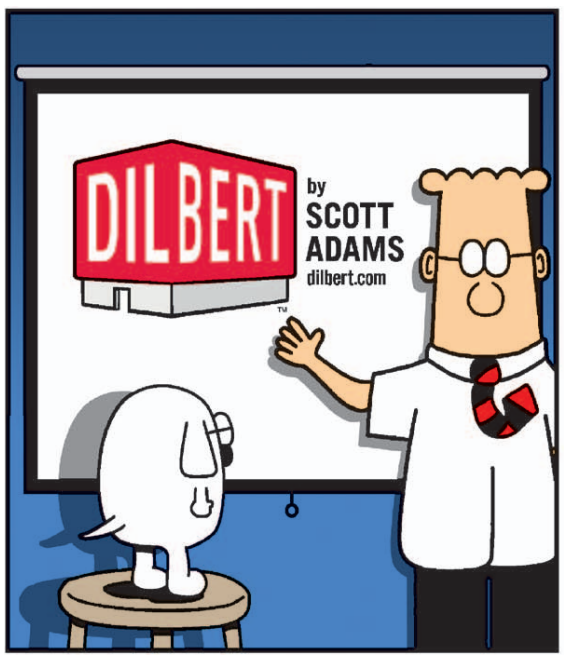

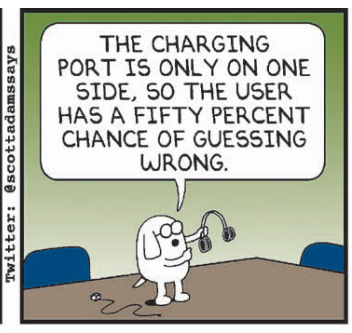

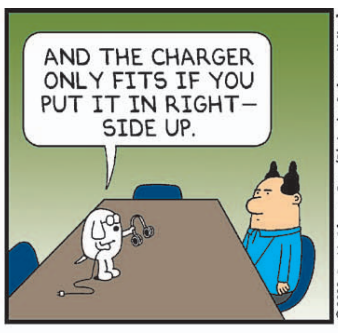

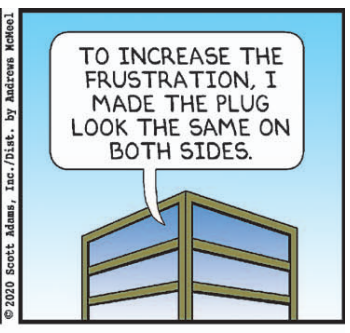

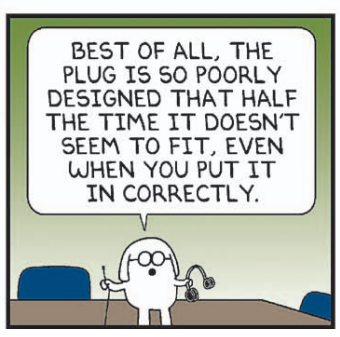

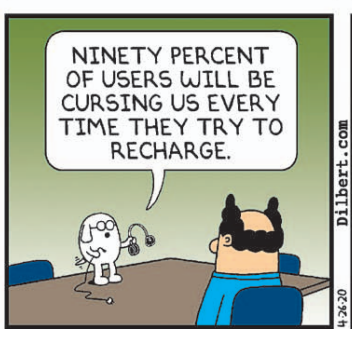

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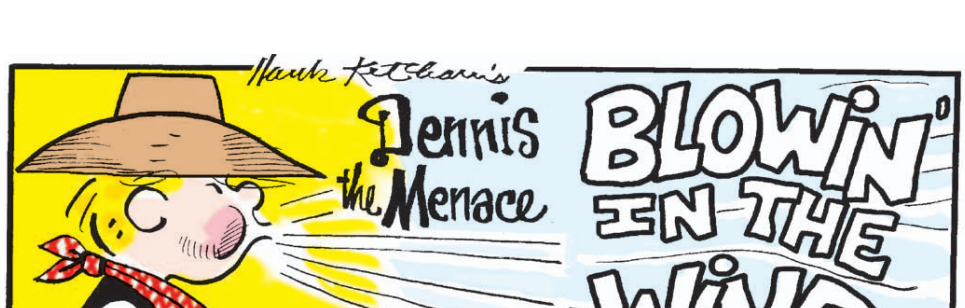
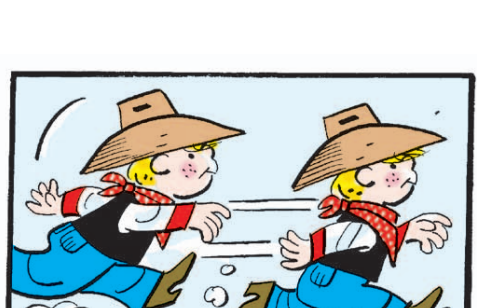
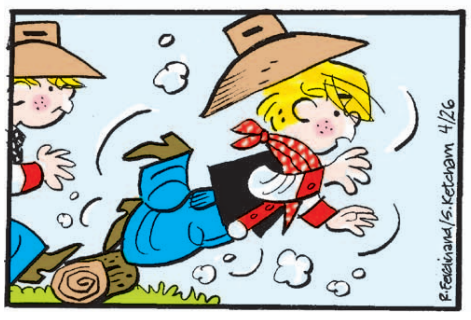
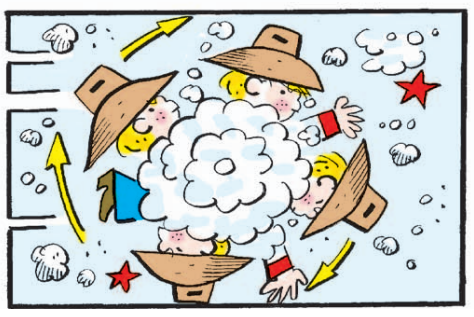
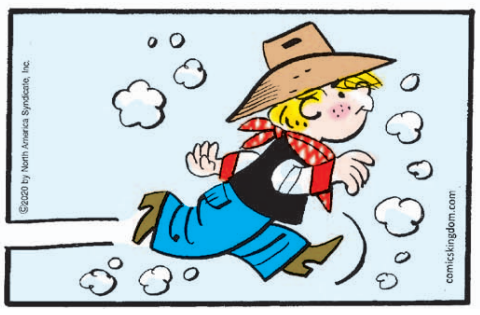
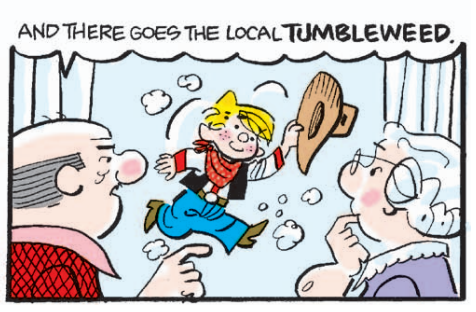






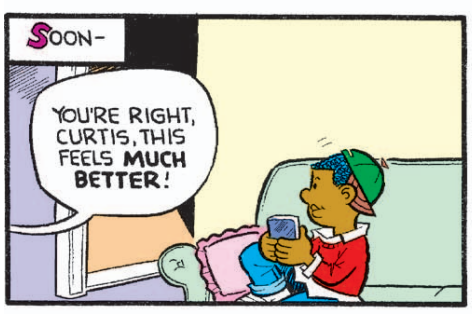






CURTIS

by RAY BILLINGSLEY



Mort Walker's beetle bailey

WATCH WHERE YOU WALK!
THIS IS JUST A SIMULATED BATTLEFIELD
BANG
POW
BOOM
WHO'S THAT DRIVING ACROSS THE BATTLE-FIELD?!
IT'S THE GENERAL! WHAT'S HE DOING?!
BOOM BANG POW
RAT-A-TAT-TAT
POW!
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
WOW! LOOK HOW BRAVELY HE CUTS ACROSS THE FIELD!
BAM
BOOM
POW
BAM
YOU HAVE TO ADMIRE THE OLD MAN'S COURAGE!
POW!
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BOOM!
POW
GOTTA HURRY UP! I HAVE A TEE TIME IN TEN MINUTES!
BAM!
GREG+MORT WALKER

BLONDIE

BY DEAN YOUNG & JOHN MARSHALL

THE KIDS HAVE A SUGGESTION, DEAR
THE KIDS THINK IT WOULD BE FUN TO HAVE BRUNCH AT THAT NEW BREAKFAST PLACE
I WAS KINDA LOOKING FORWARD TO READING THE PAPER AND TAKING IT EASY THIS MORNING
YOU CAN READ YOUR PAPER AND RELAX ALL AFTERNOON IF YOU LIKE, HONEY
YOU'RE RIGHT! JUST GIVE ME A FEW MINUTES TO SHAVE AND CLEAN UP FIRST
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www.blondie.com
HEY, DAD! A FEW OF MY BUDDIES WANT ME TO PLAY BASEBALL THIS MORNING
NO PROBLEM, ALEX... HAVE FUN
DADDY, WOULD YOU MIND IF I SKIPPED BRUNCH AND WENT TO THE MALL WITH SOME GIRLS?
NO, THAT'S FINE, HONEY! HAVE FUN
TOOTSIE JUST CALLED AND SAID WE HAVE A BIG PROBLEM AT THE CATERING SHOP!
BRUNCH FOR ONE, SIR?
SOUNDS LIKE FUN!
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MUTTS

Patrick McDonnell

NOW SERVING TAPAS
WHAT ARE TAPAS?
SMALL BITES.
LIKE THIS?
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Hi and Lois

by BRIAN and GREG WALKER

WOW! IT'S BEAUTIFUL OUT HERE.
I COULD SPEND ALL DAY GAZING AT THE CLOUDS.
THAT ONE LOOKS LIKE A BUNNY...
HiandLois.com
THERE'S A SHEEP...
AND A GREAT BIG BEAR.
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SORRY, SUNBEAM, I GUESS I'M NOT PAYING ENOUGH ATTENTION TO YOU.
BUT YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO CHASE ALL THE CLOUDS AWAY.
ERIC REAVES
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The FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

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AW, MOMMY! CAN'T THE HOUSECLEANING WAIT UNTIL AFTER WE'VE GROWN UP?
WELL, HON, THE PLACE IS SPOTLESS, BUT WE'D BETTER GET READY... THE GRANDCHILDREN WILL BE HERE IN TWENTY MINUTES.
JEFF and Bil KEANE
www.familycircus.com

FUNKY WINKERBEAN

by TOM BATIUK

YOU AND MASON HAVE A BEAUTIFUL HOUSE, CINDY.
YOU'LL HAVE TO BRING CAYLA WITH YOU NEXT TIME.
CAYLA SAID THAT YOU TWO MET IN THE BLEACHERS AT YOUR DAUGHTERS' BASKETBALL PRACTICES.
YEP...
DIDN'T I READ IN 'LISA'S STORY' THAT YOU MET LISA SITTING IN THE BLEACHERS?
THAT WOULD BE YEP AGAIN.
SO SITTING IN THE BLEACHERS IS YOUR MAIN PICKUP MOVE.
APPARENTLY.
BATIUK & AYERS
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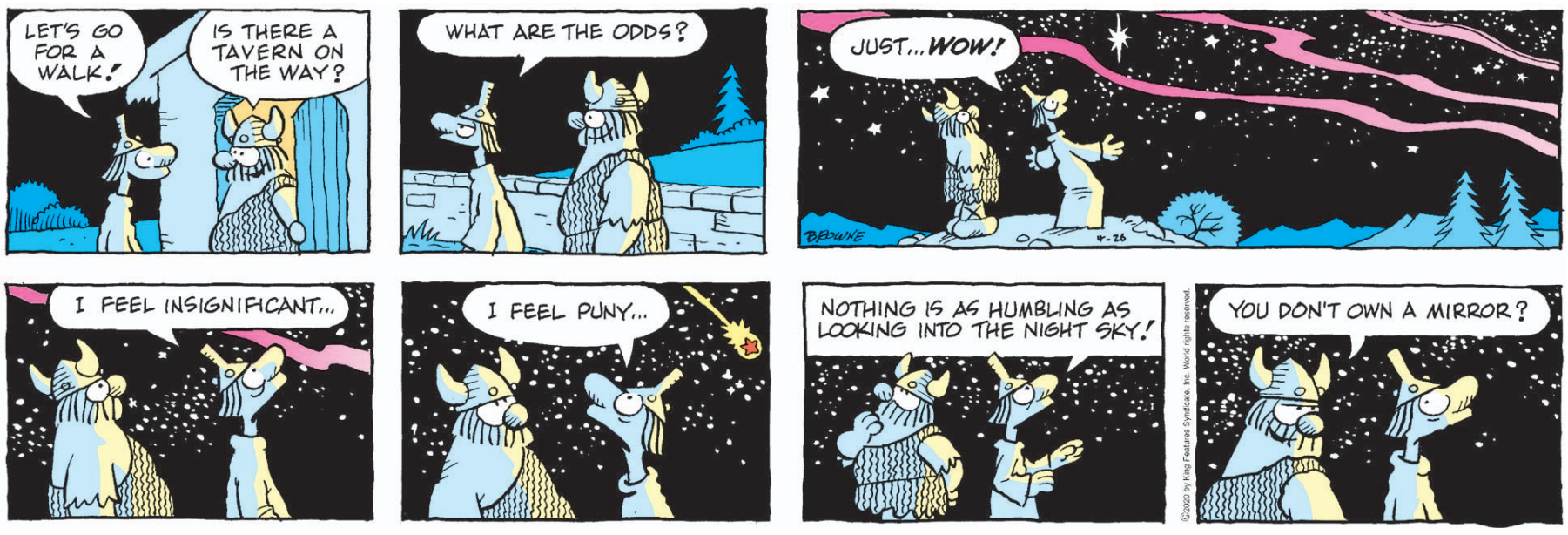
HAGAR the horrible

by DIK BROWNE


LET'S GO FOR A WALK!
IS THERE A TAVERN ON THE WAY?
WHAT ARE THE ODDS?
JUST...WOW!
BROWNE
I FEEL INSIGNIFICANT...
I FEEL PUNY...
NOTHING IS AS HUMBLING AS LOOKING INTO THE NIGHT SKY!
YOU DON'T OWN A MIRROR?
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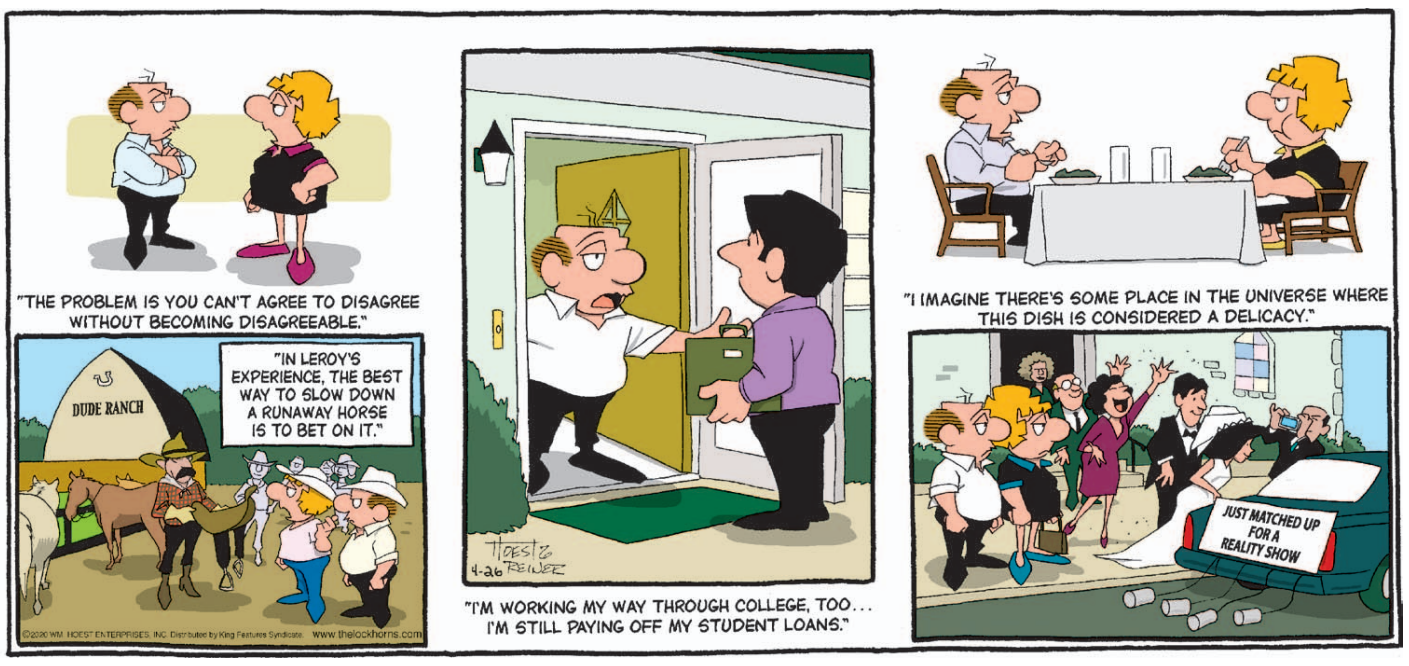
THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER


"THE PROBLEM IS YOU CAN'T AGREE TO DISAGREE WITHOUT BECOMING DISAGREEABLE."
DUDE RANCH
"IN LEROY'S EXPERIENCE, THE BEST WAY TO SLOW DOWN A RUNAWAY HORSE IS TO BET ON IT."
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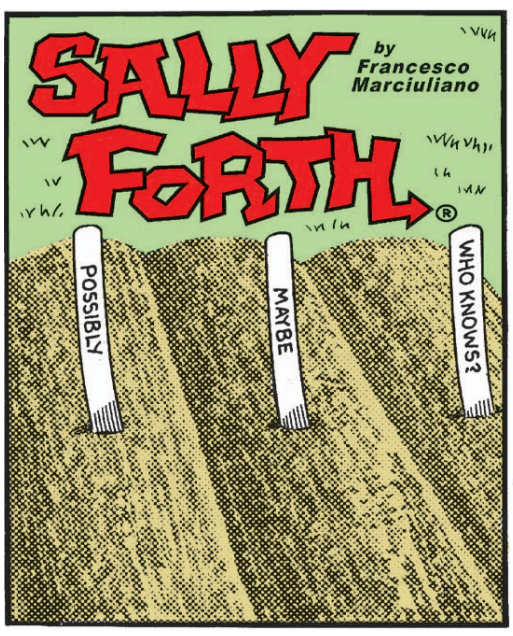
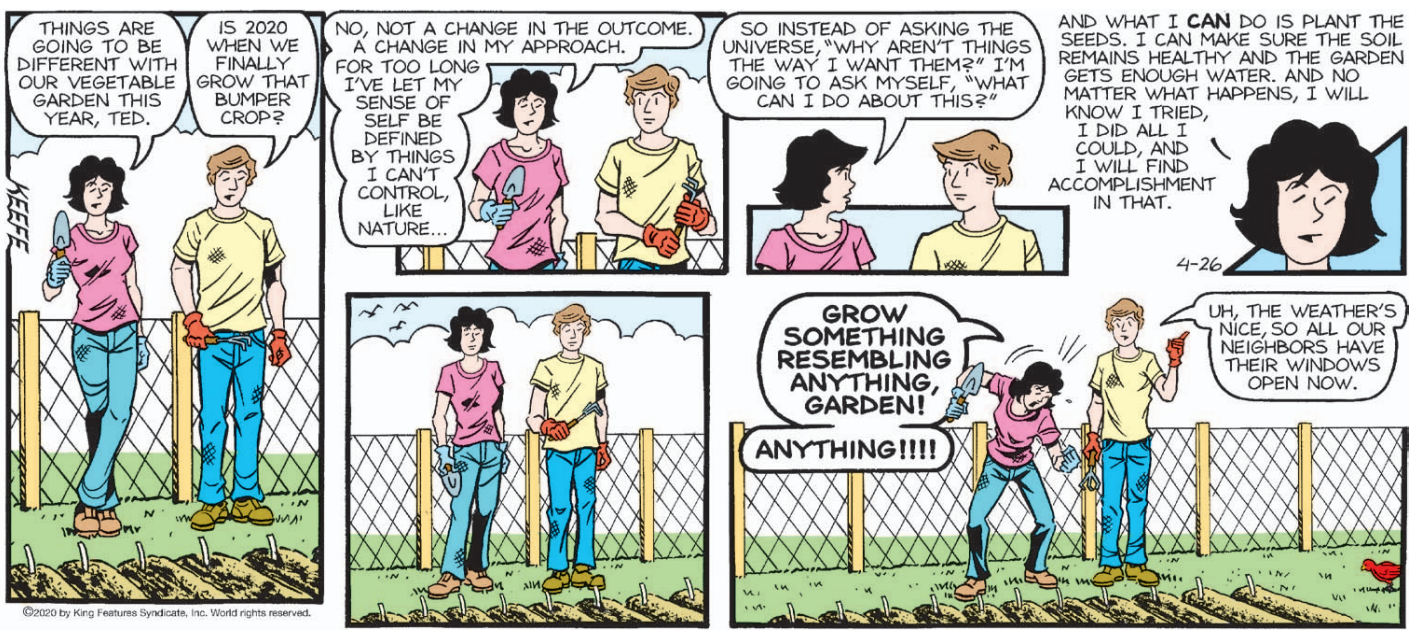
"I'M WORKING MY WAY THROUGH COLLEGE, TOO... I'M STILL PAYING OFF MY STUDENT LOANS."
"I IMAGINE THERE'S SOME PLACE IN THE UNIVERSE WHERE THIS DISH IS CONSIDERED A DELICACY."
JUST MATCHED UP FOR A REALITY SHOW

SALLY FORTH®

by Francesco Marciuliano




THINGS ARE GOING TO BE DIFFERENT WITH OUR VEGETABLE GARDEN THIS YEAR, TED.
IS 2020 WHEN WE FINALLY GROW THAT BUMPER CROP?
KEEFFE
NO, NOT A CHANGE IN THE OUTCOME. A CHANGE IN MY APPROACH. FOR TOO LONG I'VE LET MY SENSE OF SELF BE DEFINED BY THINGS I CAN'T CONTROL, LIKE NATURE...
SO INSTEAD OF ASKING THE UNIVERSE, "WHY AREN'T THINGS THE WAY I WANT THEM?" I'M GOING TO ASK MYSELF, "WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT THIS?"
AND WHAT I CAN DO IS PLANT THE SEEDS. I CAN MAKE SURE THE SOIL REMAINS HEALTHY AND THE GARDEN GETS ENOUGH WATER. AND NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, I WILL KNOW I TRIED, I DID ALL I COULD, AND I WILL FIND ACCOMPLISHMENT IN THAT.
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GROW SOMETHING RESEMBLING ANYTHING, GARDEN!
ANYTHING!!!!
UH, THE WEATHER'S NICE, SO ALL OUR NEIGHBORS HAVE THEIR WINDOWS OPEN NOW.
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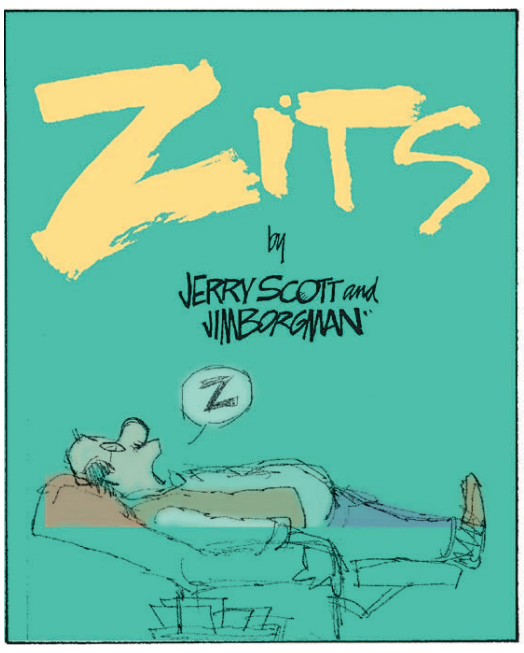
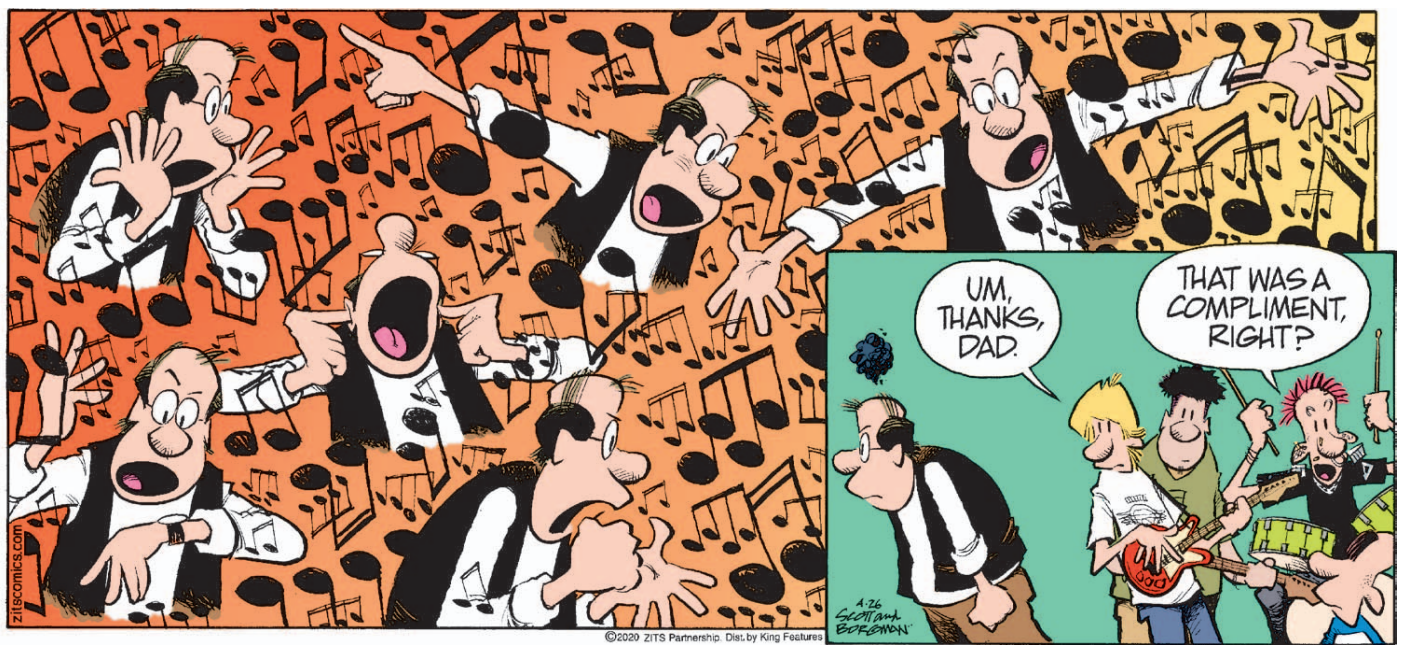
ZITS

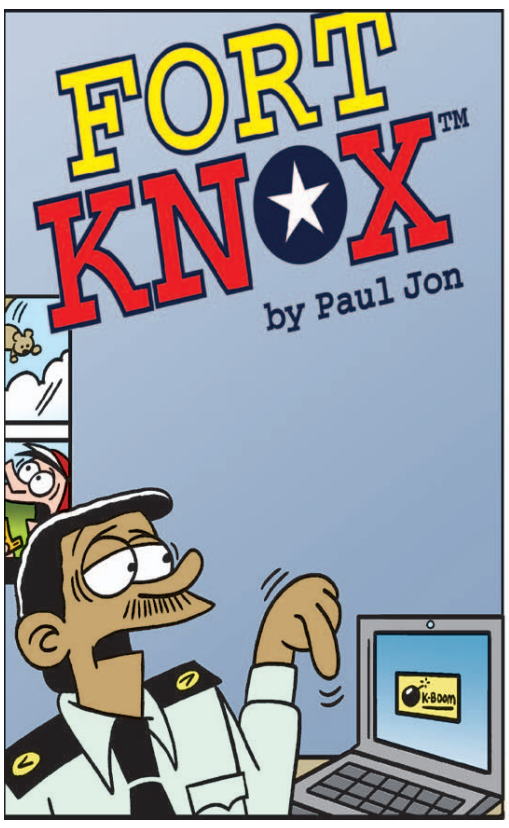
by JERRY SCOTT and JIM BORGMAN





FORT KNOX™

by Paul Jon



CAN I BORROW YOUR CAR?
FOR WHAT, FRANK?
I NEED TO PICK UP TWELVE BAGS OF GRAVEL.
WHY DON'T YOU USE YOUR CAR??
BECAUSE IT ISN'T BIG ENOUGH.
I GUESS THAT MAKES SENSE.
THANKS AND I PLAN ON PICKING UP MORE THINGS.
LIKE WHAT?
200 POUNDS OF MANURE.
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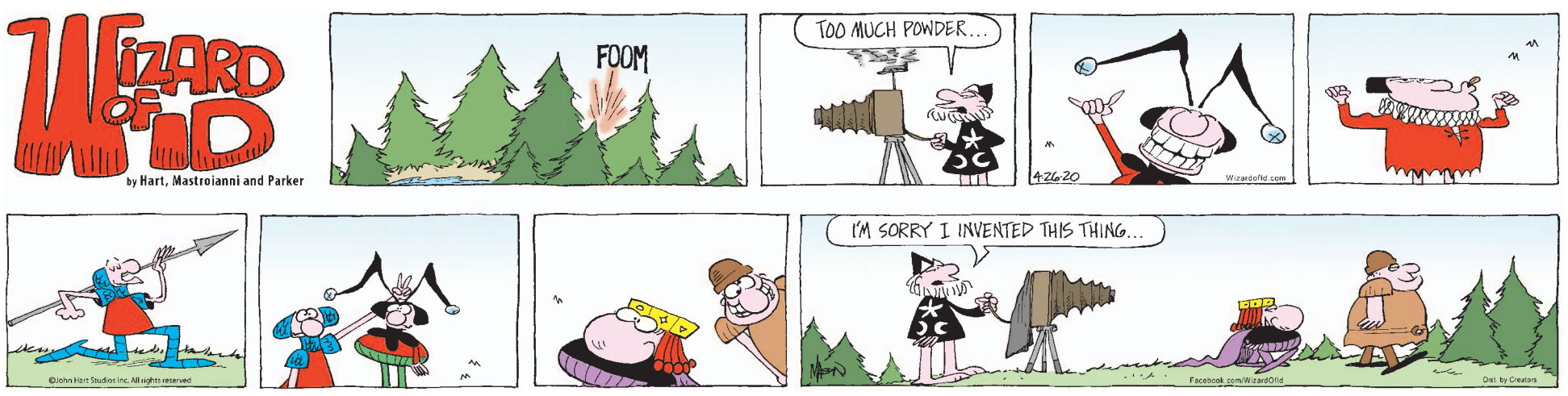
WIZARD OF ID

by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker



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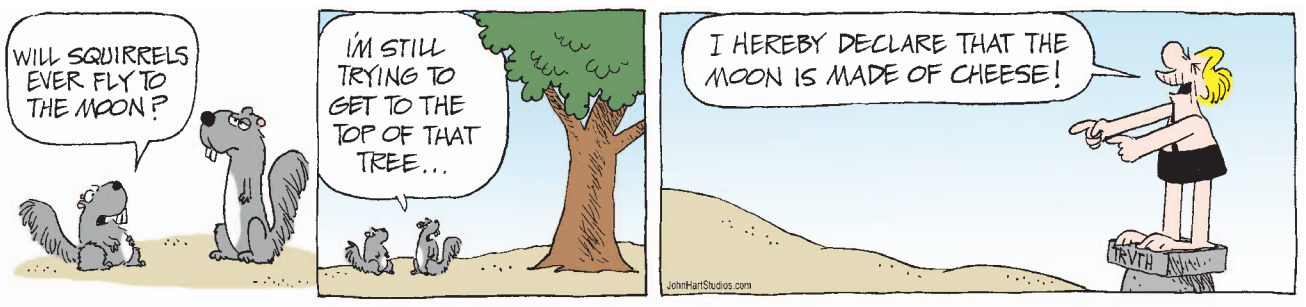
WILL SQUIRRELS EVER FLY TO THE MOON?
I'M STILL TRYING TO GET TO THE TOP OF THAT TREE...
I HEREBY DECLARE THAT THE MOON IS MADE OF CHEESE!
TRVTH
JohnHartStudios.com
ANYONE WHO MAKES FUN OF THIS ASSERTION WILL, BY EXTENSION, BE ATTACKING ME.
TO WHICH I'LL RESPOND WITH A RENEWED COMMITMENT OF MY POSITION...
TO WHICH THEY'LL RESPOND IN KIND.
AND THEN NO ONE WILL REMEMBER HOW THE FACEBOOK THREAD EVEN STARTED.
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See, Timmy. Not only are there no monsters under your bed, but this is actually the safest place to be right now.
Are you sure?
Daddy's right, sweetie. Can you move over a little? Mommy's a little crowded.
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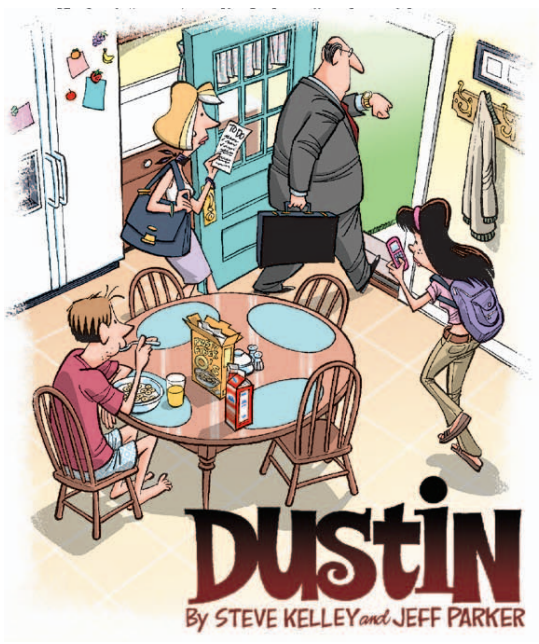
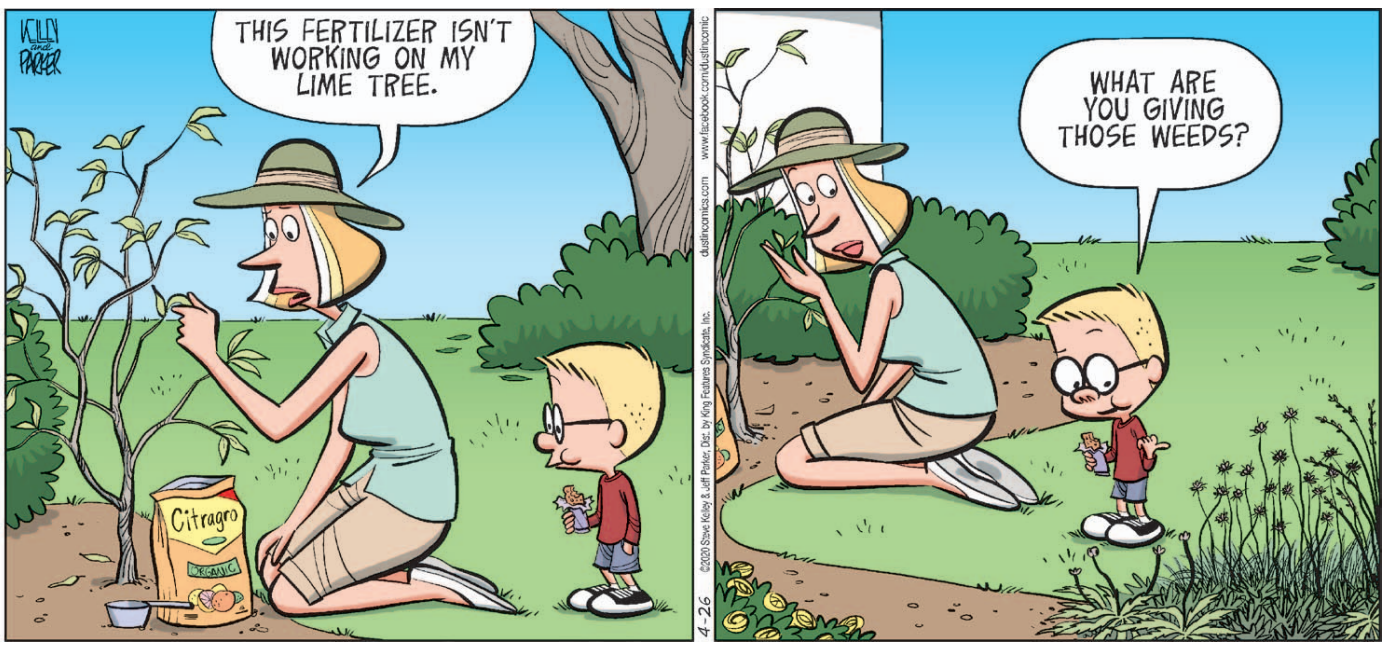
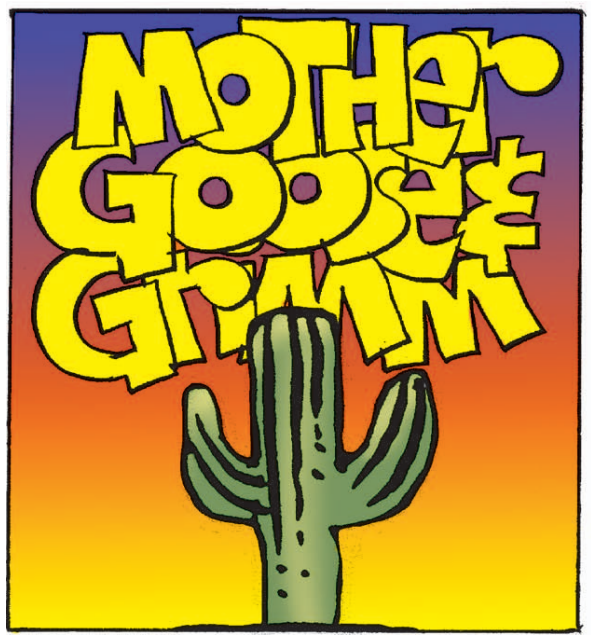
DUSTIN

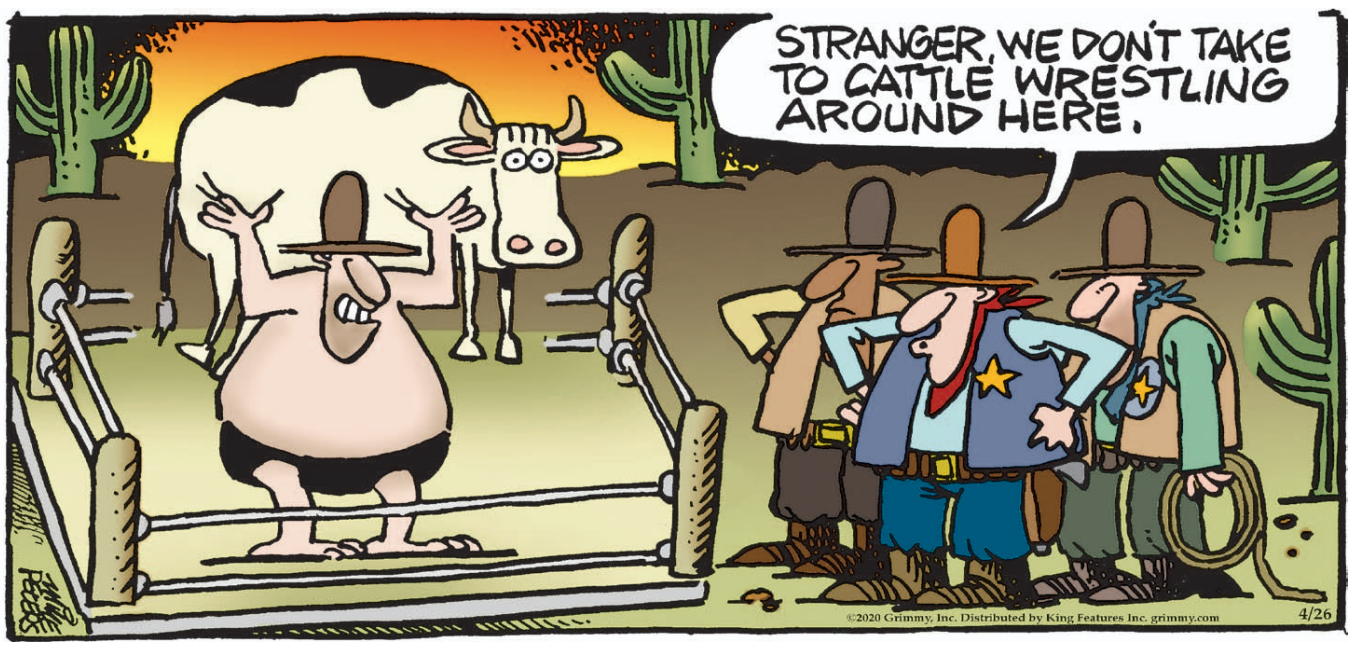
By STEVE KELLEY and JEFF PARKER





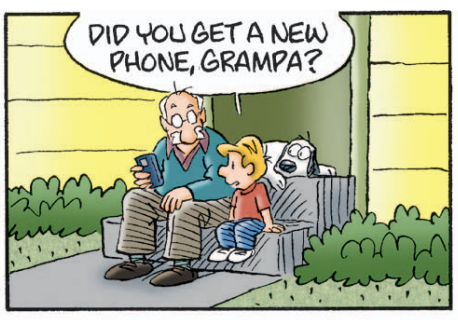
MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

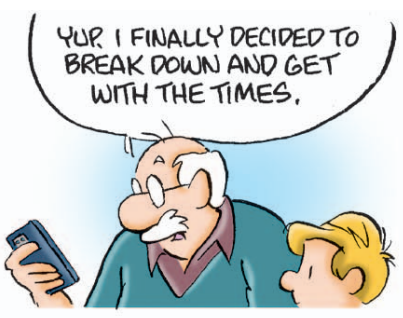


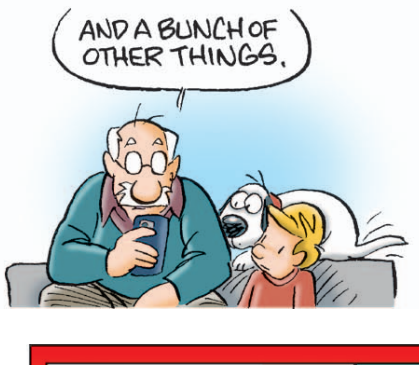


PICKLES

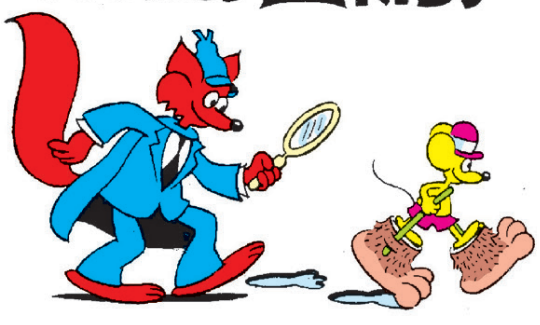
by Brian Crane







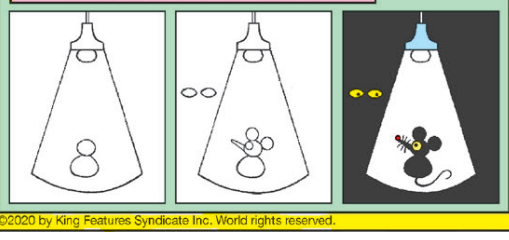
Bob Weber Jr.'s SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS



Becky Beaver says Slick Smitty stole her purse while she was sitting in the waiting room at the Smiles Dentistry office. Slick Smitty insists he's innocent and claims he was not at Smiles Dentistry today or any other day. What evidence did Slylock find that indicates Smitty is probably lying?

Solution -- Slylock observed that the magazine Slick Smitty is holding is addressed to the Smiles Dentistry office. Not only did Smitty steal Rachel's purse, but he pilfered a magazine.

HOW TO DRAW a cat and mouse



YOUR DRAWING

Today's terrific artist is Charles Whitacker, age 11

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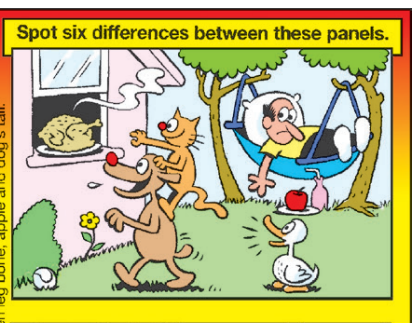
Which one of these animals has the same amount of teeth as humans?

a) Brown bear
b) Giraffe
c) Elephant

Answer -- b) Giraffes have 32 teeth, the same as humans.

Spot six differences between these panels.



Answer -- Ball, tongue, straw, chicken leg bone, apple and dog's tail.

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